# Proceedings

of the

# Oxford Baptist Association

of Mississippi

1911

**Officers:**

W. W. DICKENS, Moderator, ..... BATESVILLE
W. I. HARGIS, Clerk, ..... UNIVERSITY
H. L. JOHNSON, Treasurer, ..... WATER VALLEY

**Place and Time of Next Meeting:**

PILGRIM'S REST
Tuesday, After the First Sunday in September, 1912.

**To Preach Sermon:**

N. R. Stone, ..... Water Valley
W. I. Hargis, Alternate, ..... University

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of the

Forty-Second Annual Session

of the

# Oxford Baptist Association

held with the

Batesville Church

September 5, 6, 7, A. D., 1911.

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## Order of Business.

1. Call for Petitionary Letters.
2. Miscellaneous.
3. Receive Reports of Messengers.
4. Miscellaneous.
5. Appoint a Finance Committee.
6. Miscellaneous.
7. Receive Reports of Standing Committees.
8. Miscellaneous.
9. Receive Treasurer's Report.
10. Miscellaneous.
11. Receive Reports of Standing Committees.
12. Miscellaneous.
13. Appoint Standing Committees.
14. Receive Report of Nominating Committee.
15. Miscellaneous.
16. Call and Correct Roll and Read Minutes.
17. Adjourn.

## Visitors Present.

A. V. Rowe.....Secretary of State Mission Board
W. E. Lee.....Hernando
N. W. P. Bacon,.....Sardis
H. F. Burns.....Coldwater
D. C. Perkins.....Coldwater Association
Mrs. Frank Flinn,.....Coldwater Association
Mrs. W. E. Lee,.....Coldwater Association
C. C. Briscoe.....Clinton

Of the fifteen preachers in the Oxford Baptist Association only four were present at the Batesville session.

## Next Meeting Place.

Pilgrim's Rest, Tuesday After the First Sunday in September, 1912.

# Directory.

## Ordained Ministers:

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| H. L. Johnson | Route 3, Water Valley |
| W. L. Hudson | Route 3, Water Valley |
| W. D. House | Water Valley |
| W. J. Derrick | Water Valley |
| N. R. Stone | Water Valley |
| S. C. Wilkins | Water Valley |
| Arthur Anderson | Water Valley |
| A. E. Reimer | Oxford |
| W. I. Hargis | University |
| J. W. Lee | Batesville |
| T. B. Williamson | Eliot |
| Terry Box | Pine Valley |
| D. F. Hoyle | Paris |
| S. T. Courtney | Enid |
| L. Linder | Taylor |
| E. M. Taylor | Taylor |

## Standing Committees.

MISSIONS:
J. W. Lee and H. L. Johnson.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS:
R. M. Leavell and J. E. Hargis.

WOMAN'S WORK:
A. T. Bobo and J. D. Woodruff.

PUBLICATIONS:
W. I. Hargis and E M. Taylor.

ORPHANAGE:
B. P. Gooch and Noel Johnson.

EDUCATION:
A. E. Reimer and L. P. Leavell.

AID FOR OLD PREACHERS:
J. W. Higginbotham.

LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT:
F. L. Riley and T. B. Williamson.

TEMPERANCE:
W. J. Derrick and W. E. Hudson.

HOSPITAL:
D. M. Kimbrough and N. R. Stone

# First Day.

## Morning Session.

BATESVILLE, MISS., September 5, 1911.

The Oxford Baptist Association met in its regular forty-second annual session with the Batesville church, at 10 a. m., Sept. 5, 1911. W. W. Dickens, moderator of the previous session, called the body to order and requested A. V. Rowe, of Winona, to conduct the opening exercises, which he did, to the pleasure and profit of all present. Opening song, "Shall We Gather at the River." Prayer was led by T. B. Williamson. Scripture reading, Acts 1:1-14.

Before proceeding further the pastor, on behalf of the committee on assignment, arranged for the early assignment of messengers.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at the last session of this body, the Moderator appointed the following committee on digest of letters, namely, J. W. Lee, Boyd Jones and W. I. Hargis.

The following officers were elected by ballot: W. W. Dickens, Moderator; W. I. Hargis, Clerk, and H. L. Johnson, Treasurer. While the votes were being counted the audience stood and sung, "All the Way My Savior Leads Me."

The report on Missions, written by A. E. Reimer, of Oxford, was read by W. I. Hargis. Being near the hour for the noon adjournment, the report was passed to the afternoon hour.

Shady Grove church, of Panola county, was received on petitionary letters, and a cordial welcome was extended by the Moderator, on behalf of the association, to the messengers of said church.

A motion was made by W. I. Hargis to change Article 6 of the constitution of this body, in accordance with a notice served on the association at its last session. The motion was lost and the letters will be read.

After the assignment of messengers, adjournment was taken until 2 p. m. Benediction by T. B. Williamson.

## Afternoon Session.

Met at 2 p. m., with singing "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand." Psalm 103 was read by N. W. P. Bacon of Sardis. Prayer by H. L. Burns, of Coldwater. The Moderator recognized the presence of the pastors of Methodist and Presbyterian churches, also the Rev. Berryhill, of Holly Springs, and extended to them a cordial welcome.

A. V. Rowe, Secretary of Missions for Mississippi, at this point spoke to the report on Missions. The report was adopted.

## Report on Missions.

The advent of Jesus Christ brought not only a new religious force into the world, but also a new moral force to influence the action of men. The

Incarnation expresses the truth that God loves. John 3:16, and that there is unity and solidarity among the races of mankind. Acts 17:26-29. The proof that God loves is found in the fact that men are saved by faith in the atoning blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 3:25-26. This salvation brings the believer into a new relation with God. John 1:12; Romans 8:15-16. whom he now regards as Father, and also with men to whom he sustains friendly relations.

In being saved the believer henceforth owns Christ as his Lord, and regards himself as a bond servant by whom is to be rendered the most absolute and implicit obedience to every Divine command. Matthew 28:18-20. He also acknowledges Christ as King, to whom is due the most faithful and devoted loyalty, and the most unstinted service in order to advance His cause and extend His rule and authority all over the earth Phil. 2:9-11.

Furthermore, the Christian accepts Jesus as the one final and ultimate standard of conduct, whose life should be the pattern for all believers to follow, I Peter 2:21, and as Jesus came to seek and save the lost. Luke 19:10, even so the child of God should in like manner seek and save them. This duty is emphasized by the feelings of gratitude which the heart inspires, and which compels his interest in his fellowman, II Cor. 5:14-15, and which interest is the expression of the Divine ideal of a Christian life which at once asks, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Acts 9:6

Now, this obligation of the Christian to his fellowmen is based on the Divine conception of the unspeakable worth of man. Mark 8:36-37. If we believe that a man's soul is worth more than all the world, then it at once becomes our duty to put forth every effort and use every means possible to insure the soul's redemption. This obligation is greatly increased when in addition there comes the conviction of man's need of a Redeemer, Romans 3:23. The Bible teaches that man is a sinner by nature and a greater sinner by practice, Romans 3:10-19, and that without Jesus Christ men are hopelessly lost. Romans 3:20, hence it becomes the Christian's duty to proclaim the Gospel which alone can meet man's need and save him. Acts 4:12. If we have the remedy for sin it is our bounden duty to make it known to sinners. James 4:17. This was Paul's idea when he cried, "I am a debtor," Rom. 1:18. This gospel alone has power, Rom. 1:16, to save the most sinful, I Timothy 1:15, and that to the uttermost. Heb. 7:25.

And lastly, God would not lay upon us duties without giving assurance of success. Here we see the world's needs and there we see the Savior's remedy. Here is Opportunity which in its final analysis always spells Obligation, and which obligation can only be met by "Missionary Endeavor." Missions are the crystallization of the Father's expressed purpose to save men, Ezek. 33:11 and II Peter 3:9, the proclamation of which has been committed to his people. II Cor. 5:19 and Mark 16:15-16. Calvary

with its blood stained Cross expressed not only God's hatred for sin and his love for sinners, but showed the all sufficiency of Jesus' sacrifice for men, I John 2:2, and his world wide purpose in this substitutionary atonement, II Cor. 5:22, which was to draw all men unto him. John 12:32. For the proclamation of this Gospel the Holy Spirit has been given, John 16: 8-10, by which Divine power witnesses to the truth preached, Acts 1:8, and we may go forward. Ex. 14:15, in the assurance that His word will not fail in its purpose, Isa. 55:10-11, and that Jesus shall see the travail of his soul and be satisfied, Isa. 53:11, with the results of his sacrifice. Truly we may rest assured that the time shall come when the Lord shall be King over all the earth, Zech. 14:9, and when the whole earth shall be filled with His glory. Ex. 14:21. For this glorious consummation let us labor and give and pray. Amen!

A. E. Riemer. L. B. Lamb.

The audience stood and sung "I Can Hear My Savior Calling." On motion, action of the association in appointing a committee on digest of letters was rescinded.

T. B. Williamson and J. W. Lee were appointed reading clerks, and letters from the following churches were read and messengers enroiled:

Bethany. Letter; no messengers.

Bethel. W. E. Johns.

Batesville. J. W. Lee, W. W. Dickens, A. T. Bobo, Tony Keating, R. W. Draper, Miss Hattie Dickens and Miss Rosa Snelling.

Big Springs.—H. L. Johnson, W. J. Edgar, E. M. Thornton and G. W. Fair.

Courtland. J. D. Woodruff and Mrs. Allie Morris.

Concord. Walter Morrison, W. H. Varner and Ed Hipp.

Clear Creek. V. C. Jones, Mrs. J. D. Jones, Roy Jones, Escar Crow, Turnage Bunch and Boyd Jones.

Central. T. B. Williamson and Mrs. Mattie Powell.

Good Hope. J. A. Woodruff, A. J. Joslin and A. S. Woodruff.

Liberty Hill. Jimmie Hill, J. B. Pitcock, C. O. Anthony and S. A. Pitcock.

Mt. Gilead. Letter; no messengers.

New Hope. Letter; no messengers.

New Liberty. J. Brister, H. A. House and C. W. Chandler.

New Prospect. Miss Jessie Beard, Dan Lusk and Miss Lula Heard.

Oxford. F. L. Riley, W. I. Hargis and Mrs. F. S. Leavell.

Pilgrim's Rest. R. Y. Wallers, Glen McMinn, F. T. Wilson, Mrs. Ida Wilson and Mrs. Tennie Mairs.

Paris.—

Shady Grove, Yalobusha.

Shady Grove, Panola.—J. E. Perkins, P. F. Rikard and F. L. Perkins.

Tocowa.—Til Tubbs and J. L. Tubbs; letter lost in mail.
Taylor.—Letter; no messengers.
Union Grove.—Dave House.
Water Valley.—W. P. Vanderburg and Miss Ola Payne.
Yellow Leaf.—J. A. Johnson and Mrs. J. A. Johnson.

The following Finance Committee was appointed: J. D. Woodruff, J. A. Johnson and J. I. Beard. Vacancies on standing committees were filled.

On motion the report on Missions was recalled for further discussion, at the pleasure of the association.

Report on Woman's Work was read and discussed by J. W. Lee and adopted.

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## Report on Woman's Work.

Until within the last few years reports on Woman's Work in all our Baptist bodies were largely a defense of the work as now carried on by our good women. All reports now have a different tone. The work has won its way and today a report on it is rather a record of good things accomplished and better things contemplated by women in their labors of love in the churches.

When God made woman, he made her for a helpmate, that is, a suitable helper, and she has truly been and is a suitable helper to man in all his work, and especially religious work. It must be said to the credit of our Southern Baptist women that they are not only suitable helpers, but willing, cheerful and liberal helpers. Last year they gave to our work through our different boards the following amounts:

Foreign missions $127,900.47. Home missions $83,850.15. For the work of the Sunday School Board $1,219.38. For the Margaret Home $1,389.49. For the Training School $2,963. For the enlargement and endowment of the Training School $5,907.95. These amounts do not include boxes for missionaries valued at $13,000. Their work in establishing and maintaining the Margaret Home, for the children of deceased missionaries, and the Training School for young women who have given themselves to Mission work, can not be too highly commended. If they were doing no work except to maintain these two institutions their labors would not be in vain. They, however, help in every good work and deserve our sympathy, encouragement and gratitude. Every pastor who has an active, consecrated woman's missionary society is fortunate indeed, for they always come to his assistance in every laudable scriptural undertaking, besides helping cheerfully and liberally in all the regular church work.

We recognize with pleasure and gratitude the splendid service our Christian women have rendered in all the work they have done for the Master and express the hope that the richest blessings of the Lord may be

upon them in this year in which they are now laboring. Respectfully submitted.

J. W. LEE.

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The following hours for meeting and adjourning were adopted: Meet at 9 a. m. and adjourn at 12 m. Meet at 2 p. m. and adjourn at 4:30 p. m. The committee on devotional exercises reported that N. W. P. Bacon would preach at 8 p. m. H. L. Johnson, A. T. Bobo and W. I. Hargis were appointed on the Committee on Nominations. Adjourned until 8 p. m.

## Evening Session.

At 7:45 p. m. a song and prayer service was conducted by the Moderator, and at 8 o'clock the association sermon was preached by N. W. P. Bacon, the appointee being absent. Text: I John 3:1-2. The sermon was strong, convincing and assuring.

The Moderator appointed Boyd Jones to take the place of W. I. Hargis on the Nominating Committee.

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# Second Day.

## Morning Session.

At 9 o'clock a. m., the body assembled at the singing of "How Firm a Foundation." Scripture reading, John XVII, by H. F. Burns, of Coldwater. Prayer by the leader. Minutes of the preceding day were read and approved. Reports of the Memorial Hospital and Orphanage were made the special order to follow the further discussion of the report on Missions. Report on Missions was discussed by H. L. Johnson, T. B. Williamson, F. L. Riley, J. W. Lee and N. W. P. Bacon and readopted. The audience stood and sung "Oh, I Am So Happy in Jesus." The report on the Memorial Hospital was read by N. P. W. Bacon, who made a strong speech. The subject was also discussed by H. L. Johnson and D. C. Perkins and the report adopted.

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## Report on Hospital.

Baptists have been pioneers in some of the most significant and far-reaching monuments inaugurated among the children of men. They led in the fight for the liberty of every soul to interpret the Scriptures for itself, and to worship God in its own way and according to its own formula. They led in the stubborn contention for the total and complete separation of Church and State. They have stood alone in contending for a regenerated church membership. And for the purchase of these principles, they gave their blood. They led the modern ecclesiastical world in the great missionary movement that will one day evangelize the world. Your committee

regrets that it can not record the fact that Baptists also led the world in a mission of mercy to sick and suffering humanity. But this honor belongs to Roman Catholicism—a sect upon which we are spending thousands of dollars to convert from the error of its way, which at the same time is reaching many of our own people through organized kindness to them when sick and suffering. Strange that we who stickle for obedience to the command of our Lord should have neglected for so long the commands to "visit the sick," "heal the sick," etc. We chronicle with joy, however, the fact that we are at last waking up to our obligations to the sick and suffering.

We now have, rapidly approaching completion in the city of Memphis, a great hospital building. It is hoped that one wing of this building, costing $200,000, will be ready to care for patients by the first of January, 1912. We have also, now in operation, a hospital in the city of Jackson, Miss. The demands upon this institution are such that they can not be met for lack of room. It is imperative that the building at Jackson be enlarged. The hospital spirit is abroad in the land.

Your committee incorporates in this report the following recommendations by the State Convention of 1910:

"This convention urges that every pastor instruct his people on this work, that every association have a report and discussion over it annually and that every church contribute to our hospitals as regularly and as systematically as to the Orphanage or any other cause. Also, that those who prepare blanks for our church clerks for use in associational letters include 'Hospital Work' as one of the items to be reported."

Your committee notes with regret that only a few of the churches of the association report anything for hospital work as recommended by the convention. Both the Memorial Hospital at Memphis and our hospital at Jackson are in need of funds. Let not our people forget these great agencies for good when making their contributions.

Respectfully submitted by the committee. N. W. P. Bacon.

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The report on the Orphanage was read by W. I. Hargis, and discussed by the writer, D. C. Perkins and H. F. Burns. A cash collection of $56 20 was taken for the Orphanage. Report adopted. Adjourned with prayer by H. L. Johnson.

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## Report on Orphanage.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."—John 1:27.

The above, translated into every day English, means sympathize with pray for and help the needy. Certainly, there is no class of persons more

unable to care for themselves than children. Our children in their helplessness, appeal to us as no one else could. Both intellectually and physically they are incapable of caring for themselves. Such helpless beings left without their natural guardians must appeal strongly to our sympathy. God hears the cries of the orphan. We would all be as orphans had Jesus not sent the Holy Spirit. He said, "I will not leave you comfortless," —orphans—for that is what the word means, "I will come to you."—John 14:18. We should not be less thoughtful for the well being of young orphans than Jesus was for his disciples.

Your committee is pleased to report that our Orphanage at Jackson, Miss., has done a noble work in caring for the orphans placed under its care. It is well equipped for the work of caring for its dependents. They are not only fed and clothed, but they have the best of educational advantages, and moral and religious training. The making of men and women is the highest ideal of its managers. The children are trained in the industrial arts—doing their own farming, dairying, stock raising, housekeeping, printing and some of the mechanical arts, since they do much of the building needed at the Orphanage. We learn from the Orphanage Gem that the superintendent, Bro. J. R. Carter, has been compelled to borrow about $1,000 during the summer months with which to meet current expenses. Therefore, the Orphanage is that much in debt. The amount necessary to support an orphan per month is about $5. From this we will see that the Orphanage is not run extravagantly. Your committee would recommend that an offering be taken during this session of the association for current expenses.

We would recommend, also, that every Baptist family take the Orphanage Gem, the Orphanage paper, that they may keep themselves informed as to the needs and work of the Orphanage. Respectfully submitted.

W. I. Hargis and B. B. McCullough.

## Afternoon Session.

Met at 2 o'clock. Devotional exercises were conducted by H. L. Johnson. Hymn, "Sweet Bye and Bye." Prayer by H. L. Johnson. Scripture reading, Prov. 16:1-8. Prayer by J. W. Lee. Songs, "Old Time Religion," and "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." There being no report on Publications, the subject was thrown open for general discussion, the Moderator requesting the Clerk to prepare a report on this subject to be printed in the minutes. J. W. Lee led in the discussion. T. B. Williamson, N. W. P Bacon and H. L. Johnson also spoke.

## Report on Publications.

The question—What shall we read?—should have our careful consideration; as much so as—What shall we eat or drink? Reading is food for

the mind, just as bread is food for the body. If the body is fed on impure food, ill health must follow. If the mind is fed on pernicious literature the reader will get wrong ideas, and ideas make the man. "For as a man thinketh so is he." Some read too little and some read too much, of the kind they read. Some homes are almost entirely bare of anything in the way of reading matter. Some are overloaded with secular reading. So far as I have observed, not one Baptist family in ten take a Baptist paper. Some who take Baptist papers take papers published outside of the State and none published in the State, and some of these are so-called Baptist papers—papers whose mission it is to tear down rather than to build up. It is the duty of every Baptist family in Mississippi to read our State paper, The Baptist Record. It is our chief medium in the State for Baptist information. As Missionary Baptists we should keep in touch with our missionary enterprises by reading the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field, published in the interest of foreign and home missions, respectively. No Baptist can be well informed on the things for which his denomination stands, unless he reads his denominational literature. The Orphanage Gem tells us about our Orphanage, its work, its purpose and its needs. No home should be without a good supply of the best literature, adapted to the different ages and capacities of the family The best is always the cheapest.

Much more Bible reading is needed iu the home. Every Christian should be familiar with God's word. It is meat and drink to the spiritual nature. The great mass of the people care more for politics and business than they do for the Lord's kingdom. Other things are made first and it last. Alas!

W. I. Hargis.

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The Committee on Nominations reported as follows: Next place of meeting, Pilgrim's Rest church; time, Tuesday after the first Sunday in Sept., 1912, at 10 a. m. Preacher, N. R. Stone; alternate, W. I. Hargis. Report was adopted.

H. L. Johnson offered the following resolution which was adopted:

1. Resolved, That it is the sense of this association that we ought to have fifth Sunday meetings.

2 That Brethren W. I. Hargis and F. S. Riley be appointed to prepare a program and select a place for next fifth Sunday.

It is announced that W. E. Lee, of Hernando, will preach tonight.

The report on Temperance was read by C. C. Briscoe, which consisted of the report of the previous year, with an added supplement.

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## Report on Temperance.

Mr. Webster defines temperance to be habitual moderation of the appetites and passions, restrained indulgence, moderation in using intoxicat-

ing liquors. Now, if this be true, the followers of Christ can not use wine or strong drink at all except cases like the following found in the Bible:

"Give strong to him that is ready to perish, and wine to those that be of heavy hearts." Prov. 31:6.

Then, as we understand, wine was used in the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. Timothy was directed to use a little wine for his stomach's sake and his often infirmities. I Timothy 5:23. In the above, God directs how and when to use strong drink and wine. Now, let us see. There is no temperate way to steal, or murder, or to bear false witness, or to commit adultery, because God has said you must not do that way. This is prohibition, and God is the author of it. Our Lord has said the same thing about the use of wine and strong drink.

Look not, thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Prov. 23:31. And be not drunk with wine wherein is excess, but be filled with the spirit. Ephe. 5:18.

We learn from the above that to use whiskey in any of its forms, although we may be ever so temperate, is to take that, that our God said you must not take. No one would argue that a man would be temperate in stealing or lying. Neither would we argue that it is right to use whiskey except in the way our Lord has said. The temperance cause is gaining. No whiskey can be sold in our State by law, and this is true in some other States. But the Lord's people must not quit the fight, for the advocates of whiskey are like satan—hard to put down. They will not go unless they have it to do. Your committee wants to say: "In all our homes, literary schools, and in our Sunday Schools, temperance ought to be taught, taking the Bible as the first and greatest text book, with such other literature as will help in the good work."

Every preacher who loves good and righteousness ought to speak plain on this, the greatest of all evils—the drink habit. God, and Heaven, and Right, is on the side of prohibition The devil, and ruined homes, and lost men and women are on the side of the drink habit. Let us vote for good sober men to fill all the offices in our State and nation. Respectfully submitted.

H. L. JOHNSON.

If we believe in a Christian civilization for our country, the Sabbath must be kept as a religious institution. The following propositions must be accepted as absolutely true: 1. We can not have a Christian civilization with Christ and his precepts left out. 2. We can not have Christ in our civilization without the Christian church. 3. We can not maintain the Christian church without the Christian Sabbath. 4. High morality and pure patriotism are inseparable, and the lesson of history is that morality and Sabbath keeping also go hand in hand. 5. Society is degraded as Christianity is corrupted, and Christianity is corrupted as the Sabbath is perverted. 6. If the church can not save the Sabbath, it can neither save

it self or the world. I would also call attention here to the common Sabbath breaking in our large cities by Sunday baseball games and Sunday theaters. I call attention to this because, year by year more and more of our country boys are making their way toward the cities. Shall our boys go there without the proper warning? Is there a more important thing to warn them of? If a boy keeps the Sabbath is he likely to drink or gamble or visit immoral places? What about it, pastors? Respectfully submitted.

C. C. Briscoe.

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H. L. Johnsou read from the minutes of the Mississippi Baptist Convention the following statement on Ministerial Relief, in lieu of a report on said subject:

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## Statement on Ministerial Relief.

"Our Endowment Sustentation now amounts to $1,266.10. With the close of this year we ask that the balance of current funds may be turned into the endowment funds if the gifts that come in during the usual time for these offerings to be made shall be sufficient to carry on the work at its present demands. The current funds have reached their highest figures during the present year, amounting to $2,304.77.

"The number now being cared for is 18. Four have died during the year, but others have been added, so that the number does not vary much of those who receive our help. We urge pastors and churches to remember to fill up the treasury of this fund during the month of December, as we have done in former years. A little effort in this direction will accomplish large things for this fund. We hope our people will not only give their money, but pray for these dear old people, who will be with us at the best but for a little while."

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The subject was discussed by H. L. Johnson. J. W. Lee suggested that an offering for this fund be made at Christmas, as a Christmas offering. W. W. Dickens, N. W. P. Bacon and T. B. Williamson also spoke on the subject.

The report on Education made a special order for 10 a. m. tomorrow and Sunday Schools for 11 a. m.

There being only four, out of fifteen preachers in the association, present at this session, F. L. Riley was authorized to communicate to the absent preachers a cordial and earnest request to be present at the next meeting of the association.

H. L. Johnson was appointed to confer with the churches that have not been represented in the association for the last two or more years, and ascertain the cause. Adjourned. Benediction by T. B. Williamson.

## Evening Session.

At 8 p. m., W. E. Lee, of Hernando, preached from Mark 5:7. Subject: "The Devil, His Power and Influence."

# Third Day.

## Morning Session.

Devotional services were conducted by C. C. Briscoe who read I Cor 13, and other selections bearing upon love, and the motives of our actions. The comments were appropriate and tender. Opening prayer by J. W. Lee. Song, "Are You Washed In the Blood?" Several made short talks. Minutes of preceding day were read and approved. The Laymen's movement was discussed by F. L. Riley, J. W. Lee, H. L. Johnson and R. J. Shuford. F. L. Riley was requested to prepare a report on the Laymen's movement for the minutes of the association.

## Report on Laymen's Movement.

The Laymen's movement stands for greater efficiency in the management of the Lord's work in all of our churches. It is hoped that through this movement the same methods that bring success to the upright endeavors of Christian laymen in their business affairs may be used with similar results in conducting the work of the Lord's Kingdom. Our people need much instruction on Christian stewardship and co-operation.

Last Spring a meeting of the pastors and interested laymen of our association was called to formulate definite and practical plans for increased contributions to Missison. Only a few workers responded by their presence, but they made arrangements to hold mission rallies in all of our churches in the month of April. Unfortunately, however, they found when they attempted to work their plan, that some of our pastors did not accept the proffered aid of their brethren from other churches and several did not even reply to the letters that were written on this subject. It was also difficult to arrange for rallies in our pastorless churches. Upon the whole our efforts were not as successful as we had hoped. We recommend:

1 That we endorse the object of the Laymen's movement to raise a mission collectiou in every church in our association.

2. That their efforts to hold mission rallies be renewed during the coming year and that all our pastors be urged to encourage and co-operate with the laymen in this important work.

3. That a series of fifth Sunday meetings be held in different parts of our association, at which meetings special addresses shall be made on

Stewardship, Missions and Sunday Schools.

4. That an associational leader of the Laymen's movement be appointed who shall direct this work and endeavor to increase its efficiency.

5. That the needs of our weak and pastorless churches be presented to our State Mission Board at its next meeting with a request for aid in removing this destitution.

6. That our pastors and laymen be urged to attend our fifth Sunday and associational meetings in order that they mry become better informed upon every phase of our denominational work and help to plan and work for the extension of the Master's Kingdom at home and abroad.

Respectfully submitted. F. L. RILEY.

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F. L. Riley read the report on Education, and the same was discussed by F. L. Riley and W. I. Hargis.

The following pledges were taken for ministerial education, to be paid by December 1, 1911. Send to Rev. P. I. Lipsey, Clinton, Miss.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bethel | $ 5.00 | Batesville | $25.00 | Big Springs | $10.00 |
| Courtland | 5.00 | Concord | 5.00 | Clear Creek | 15.00 |
| Central | 12.50 | Good Hope | 5.00 | New Prospect | 5.00 |
| Oxford | 40.00 | Liberty Hill | 5.00 | Pilgrim's Rest | 5.00 |
| | | Yellow Leaf | 5.00. | | |

Total pledged $142.50.

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## Report on Education.

Baptists are and have long been among the foremost advocates of education in this country. They have shown their faith by their works in this important field. As a consequence they now have more money invested in the cause of education than has any other religious denomination in the United States.

The Baptists of Mississippi owe an incalculable debt to Mississippi College, which is the only institution of learning owned and controlled by the Baptist State Convention. This great institution has given the denomination, in this and other states, hundreds of strong and capable pastors and other wise and progressive christian leaders. It has also a large representation on our foreign fields, where its sons have carried the banner of Prince Immanuel across the far flung battle line, into the very strongholds of heathenism.

Your committee finds pleasure in reporting the fact that Mississippi College has made rapid and permanent progress under the wise leadership of President W. T. Lowrey, whose loss to the work since our last Association meeting has caused many heart aches. He has enlarged the equipment, increased the endowment, and above all, has awakened greater interest in our College. These developments lead us to predict greater

results from the efficient management of his successor, President J. W. Provine, who is widely recognized as one of the most capable business men in school work in the State.

We are glad to report that the Clark Memorial College, under the auspices of the Baptist General Association of the State, have recently established closer, and what promises to be more helpful relations with Mississippi College. It is hoped that these institutions will be co ordinated more fully, and that instead of being regarded as rivals, they may become mutually helpful in the Educational work of the State.

Although our denomination in this State does not own any Colleges for the higher education of our young women, we are glad to commend the work being done at Hillman College and at Blue Mountain College. These institutions are eminently worthy of our generous patronage. It is also hoped that the new College established under local Baptist auspices at Hattiesburg may become a great power for good in the State.

Respectfully submitted.

F. L. Riley.

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The report on Sunday Schools was read by W. N. Leavell, spoken to by F. L. Riley and adopted.

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## Report on Sunday Schools.

### Finance Committee's Report.

We, your finance committee, beg to report the following amounts which have been received by us and paid over to the Treasurer of this Association:

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|---|---|
| Minutes and Clerk | $ 51 30 |
| State Missions | 46 61 |
| Home Missions | 120 46 |
| Foreign Missions | 5 25 |
| Orphanage | 42 55 |
| Total | $266 17 |

Respectfully submitted.

J. D. Woodruff, Chairman.

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## Sunday Schools.

I greatly mistrust my ability to make as good a report as I should this morning on a subject that is fundamental to the well being of our churches. There are so many country churches in our State that are practically lifeless, and in most every case there is no Sunday School.

In the Sunday School children are taught the way of salvation, as

well as other knowledge of the scriptures. Therefore, I believe that we Missionary baptists are pursuing the right course when we have a Sunday School, and extend the work so that the ones who can not attend Sunday School can pursue the home study. Of course parents should not leave it all for the Sunday School, as little or no interest manifested on their part is certainly a stumbling block to the child. They should be trained in the way they should go by their parents and when they are old they will not depart from it. Timothy was taught by his mother and grand mother to know the scriptures. W. N. LEAVELL.

## Treasurer's Report.

Your Treasurer begs leave to submit the following report: Received from Finance Committee the following amounts, which have been paid out as per instruction of this body, to the various objects indicated as follows:

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| Minutes and Clerk | $ 51 30 |
| State Missions | 46 61 |
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The following motion was adopted, and F. L. Riley was appointed leader of the Laymen's Movement: Moved that a leader of the Laymen's Movement in our Association be appointed to plan for more effective methods of disseminating Missionary information within our bounds, and that we urge all our pastors and laymen to co-operate with and assist him in his efforts to reach all of our churches.

A committee consisting of J. W. Lee, W. I. Hargis and H. L. Johnson, was appointed to confer with the State Board with regard to certain pastorless churches in this Association, and see what can be done to have these churches supplied with pastors.

The following were appointed as Messengers to the Baptist State Convention, which meets in Gulfport in November, 1911; namely, W. I. Hargis, J. W. Lee, H. L. Johnson, J. S. Dickens, and any other member of this Association who may attend the Convention.

J. W. Lee was elected Associational Messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in Oklahoma City in May next, and H. L Johnson was appointed to raise from the churches the amount necessary to defray his expenses.

The Clerk was authorized to add 10 per cent to the former apportionment.

## Apportionment.

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| Big Springs | $ 55 00 | Tocowa | 22 00 |
| Bethany | 55 00 | Water Valley | 1,000 00 |
| Bethel | 55 00 | Good Hope | 55 00 |
| Clear Creek | 100 00 | Liberty Hill | 55 00 |
| Concord | 80 00 | Mt. Gilead | 22 00 |
| Courtland | 45 00 | New Hope | 13 00 |
| Central | 165 00 | Mt. Pisgah | 22 00 |
| Paris | 20 00 | New Liberty | 25 00 |
| Pilgrim's Rest | 55 00 | Oxford | 1000 00 |
| Shady Grove | 15 00 | Yocona | 25 00 |
| Yellow Leaf | 50 00 | Union Grove | 15 00 |
| Panola | 220 00 | Shady Grove (Panola) | 10 00 |
| Total | | | $3,179 00 |

The following resolution of thanks was offered by W. I. Hargis and heartily adopted:

RESOLVED, That the hearty thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered the good people of Batesville for their generous hospitality extended to us during our stay in their midst.

Adjourned to meet with Pilgrim's Rest church in 1912. Prayer by F. L. Riley.

W. W. DICKENS, Moderator.

W. I. HARGIS, Clerk.

# Our Dead.

Samuel Wilkins
Mrs. Pansie Cox
Charlie Coker
Wm. H. Robinson
A. H. Mills
Mrs. M. Kerr
Mrs. N. J. Landers
Mrs. S. E. Weaver
Mrs. F. A. Seamans
John Walgreen

Mrs. Ella McCullough
Mrs. L. C. Lamb
Mrs. Emily Harris
Mrs. Inez Waters
Mrs. W. A. Tyer
Mrs. A. J. Faucette
Mrs. Lilly M. Childress
Mrs. Amanda Cox
Miss Lizzie Williams
J. N. McLeod

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# CHURCH RECORD.

| CHURCHES | Membership Last Report | INCREASE By Baptism | By Letter | Restoration | Total | DECREASE By Letter | Exclusion & Erasure | By Death | Total | Present Membership | PASTORS | POSTOFFICE | CLERKS | POSTOFFICE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Batesville | 126 | 4 | 6 | | 10 | 2 | | 2 | 4 | 132 | J. W. Lee | Batesville | R. W. Draper | Batesville |
| Bethany | 42 | | | | | 1 | | 4 | 5 | 37 | S. T. Courtney | Enid | D. W. Patterson | Enid |
| Bethel | 95 | 7 | 4 | | 11 | 6 | | 1 | 7 | 99 | W. N. Hamilton | Clinton | J. S. Johnsie | Water Valley |
| Big Springs | 106 | 7 | | | 7 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 100 | W. I. Hargis | University | W. E. Hudson | Water Valley |
| Central | 100 | | 2 | | 2 | 4 | | | 4 | 98 | J. W. Lee | Batesville | Overton Pearson | Grenada |
| Clear Creek | 183 | 14 | | | 14 | 3 | 3 | | 6 | 191 | W. I. Hargis | University | Boyd Jones | Burgess |
| Concord | 121 | 2 | 2 | | 4 | 3 | | | 3 | 122 | N. A. Moore | Tula | J. W. Higginbotham | Taylor |
| Courtland | 31 | | 2 | | 2 | | | | | 33 | W. J. Derrick | Water Valley | F. W. Bailey | Courtland |
| Good Hope | 46 | | | | | 5 | | 2 | 7 | 39 | J. W. Lee | Batesville | N. S. Woodruff | Batesville |
| Liberty Hill | 129 | 5 | 5 | | 10 | | | 1 | 1 | 138 | H. L. Johnson | Water Valley | John Tyler | Pope |
| Mt. Gilead | 33 | 2 | 2 | | 4 | | | 2 | 2 | 35 | T B Williamson | Elliott | H. Quinn | Water Valley |
| New Hope | 22 | | 1 | | | 1 | | 2 | 3 | 22 | J. R. Reese | Pine Valley | W. H. Henderson | Water Valley |
| New Liberty | 53 | | | | | 5 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 44 | W. D. House | Water Valley | W. H. McKee | Water Valley |
| New Prospect | 30 | 14 | 12 | | 26 | | | | | 56 | H. L. Johnson | Water Valley | Enoch Lusk | Delay |
| Oxford | 259 | 1 | 16 | 1 | 18 | 16 | 21 | 1 | 38 | 239 | A. E. Reimer | Oxford | J E. Hargis | Oxford |
| Pilgrim's Rest | 205 | | 1 | | 1 | 5 | | | 5 | 201 | H. Shepherd | Paris | H V Draper | Shuford |
| Shady Grove.* | | | | | | | | | | | N. F. Metts | Harmontown | J. J Perkins | |
| Taylor | 54 | | 3 | | 3 | | | | | 57 | E. M. Taylor | Taylor | H. E. Groves | Taylor |
| Union Grove | 42 | 12 | 6 | | 18 | | | 1 | 1 | 60 | J. L. Roane | Banner | W. T. Newsome | Pine Valley |
| Water Valley | 338 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 23 | 330 | N. R. Stone | Water Valley | G. R. Wood | Water Valley |
| Yellow Leaf | 157 | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 2 | 155 | H. L. Johnson | Water Valley | G. R. Webb | Oxford |
| Totals | 2172 | 74 | 70 | 2 | 146 | 63 | 38 | 25 | 126 | 2188 | | | | |

*New Church.

# CHURCH RECORD.

| CHURCHES. | Pastors' Salary | Building and Repairing | Incidentals. | Visiting Ministers | Sunday School Expenses | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Other Objects | Orphanage | Education | For Old Preachers | Minutes and Clerk | Pastors' Homes | Church Property |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bethany | $ 100 00 | $ | $ 42 00 | $ | $ 4 60 | $ 6 20 | $ 18 35 | $ 18 35 | $ 2 50 | $ 28 00 | $ 39 45 | $ | $ | $ | $ 1200 00 |
| Bethel | 100 00 | | | 10 00 | 12 00 | | 4 00 | 4 25 | | | | | 1 75 | | 50 00 |
| Batesville | 600 00 | | 78 00 | 40 00 | 60 00 | 72 80 | 60 30 | 100 50 | 158 50 | 60 00 | 46 00 | 39 20 | 6 00 | | 3000 00 |
| Big Springs | 175 00 | | 3 75 | 52 50 | 14 65 | | 13 50 | 13 50 | 50 00 | 28 40 | 5 00 | 2 00 | 3 00 | | 1000 00 |
| Courtland | 200 00 | 8 10 | 20 00 | | | 5 00 | 25 00 | 30 25 | | 11 30 | | | 2 00 | | 4000 00 |
| Concord | | 85 00 | | 44 65 | 4 50 | | 12 50 | 12 50 | | | 11 00 | | 3 00 | | 1000 00 |
| Clear Creek | 150 00 | | 20 00 | 40 00 | 6 75 | 30 00 | 32 00 | 30 00 | 10 00 | 30 00 | 13 55 | | 6 00 | | 3000 00 |
| Central | 600 00 | | 25 00 | | | 100 00 | | 30 00 | | 75 00 | | | 3 00 | | 2000 00 |
| Good Hope | 130 50 | | | | | 12 50 | | 35 00 | | | | | 1 50 | | 1000 00 |
| Liberty Hill | 93 00 | 44 40 | | 26 00 | 2 80 | | | 8 20 | | | 2 50 | | 2 50 | | 1000 00 |
| Mt. Gilead | 75 00 | | | 15 35 | | | 10 00 | 5 25 | 5 00 | | | | 1 50 | | 600 00 |
| New Liberty | 50 00 | | 3 50 | | | | | 7 05 | | | | | 1 55 | | 50 00 |
| New Prospect | 50 00 | 428 00 | | 17 15 | 12 00 | | | | | 23 30 | | | 2 60 | | 600 00 |
| Oxford | 1500 00 | 298 92 | 314 30 | | 150 36 | 351 09 | 513 64 | 767 35 | 862 24 | 92 60 | 25 00 | 27 60 | 10 00 | 4000 00 | 22000 00 |
| Pilgrims Rest | | 57 70 | 2 95 | 27 11 | 6 21 | 4 11 | 4 11 | 5 31 | | 4 00 | | | 1 25 | | 1000 00 |
| Paris | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shady Grove (Y.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shady Grove (P.) | | | | | | 50 | 50 | | | | | | | | |
| Tocowa | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 25 | | |
| Taylor | | | | | | | | 12 75 | 5 50 | | | | 2 00 | | 750 00 |
| Union Grove | 25 00 | | | | | | 5 00 | | | | | | 90 | | 350 00 |
| Water Valley | $1150 00 | 711 55 | 274 78 | 130 00 | 67 64 | 20 00 | 131 00 | 178 25 | 104 50 | 81 29 | 20 00 | 15 20 | 10 00 | 2000 00 | 18000 00 |
| Yellow Leaf | 100 00 | 30 75 | | 21 25 | | | | | | | | | 1 50 | | 800 00 |
| New Hope | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 50 | | 500 00 |
| Totals | $5098 50 | $1664 42 | $784 28 | $424 01 | $341 51 | $602 20 | $829 90 | $1258 81 | $1198 24 | $433 89 | $162 50 | $84 00 | $62 80 | $6000 00 | $57150 00 |

## Sunday Schools.

The following Churches report Sunday Schools:

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| Batesville | Supt. D. W. Patterson | Batesville, Miss. |
| Bethany | Supt. C. S. Morris | Enid, Miss. |
| Bethel | Supt. J. T. Johnsey | Water Valley, Miss. |
| Big Springs | Supt. Guy Fair. | Water Valley, Miss. |
| Central | Supt. I. O. Pearson | Grenada, Miss. |
| Clear Creek | Supt. W. J. Jones | Burgess, Miss. |
| Concord | Supt. A. I. Turpin | Splinter, Miss. |
| Courtland | Supt. F. W. Bailey | Courtland, Miss. |
| Good Hope | Supt. T. A. Woodruff | Batesville, Miss. |
| Liberty Hill | Supt. J. C. Campbell | Courtland, Miss. |
| New Liberty | Supt. G. W. House | Water Valley, Miss. |
| New Prospect | Supt. H. H. Johnson | Delay, Miss. |
| Oxford | Supt. F. L. Riley | Oxford, Miss. |
| Pilgrims Rest | Supt. H. V. Draper | Shuford, Miss. |
| Taylor | Supt. Rev. L. Linder | Taylor, Miss. |
| Water Valley | Supt. J. L. Trusty | Water Valley, Miss. |

The above statement shows that sixteen Churches are maintaining a Sunday School, as against fourteen the preceding year. Some gave no statistics, and some only partial statistics, therefore the Clerk found it impossible to give a full tabulated statement; hence he has given only the name of the Sunday School and the name and postoffice address of the Superintendent. The Sunday School reports should be so full and complete that the Clerk can make a full and complete tabulated report.

W. I. Hargis, Clerk.

## Constitution.

Article 1. The Association shall be called the Oxford Baptist Association, which shall meet Annually. The object of this Union shall be to cultivate fraternal intercourse and love between the churches composing this body, and unite in their efforts in the great work of advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom. In the prosecution of these objects, the dissemination of the gospel by missionary operations, both home and abroad, shall receive their encouragement, fostering care and support. It shall be the aims of this Association to promote the cause of Sabbath Schools, also the interest of general education, and more especially the education of the ministry. All Christian and charitable enterprises shall receive their

encouragement, among which the support of superannuated and worn out ministers will receive special attention.

Article 2. Each church belonging to this Association shall be entitled to three representatives until the number of members reaches twenty-five, and one delegate for every twenty-five; provided, in no case shall any church have more than eight delegates.

Article 3. The delegates present representing churches shall, during the session, present their letters of correspondence, which must state their appointment, together with their number of members in fellowship, the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded and died during the year.

Article 4. Any church of this Association failing to represent herself at one meeting will be expected to state the reason thereof at the next meeting, and any church thus failing at two successive meetings, the Association may consider her dropped from her number, or may appoint a committee to inquire into snch failure.

Article 5. Other churches approving our Articles of Faith, and desiring to act and live in fellowship with us, may be admitted into this body by signifying their approval and desire by delegate and letters.

Article 6. This Association shall have a Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each Annual meeting as soon as the letters from the churches are read and the names of the delegates enrolled. A majority of the votes cast being necessary to an election.

Article 7. Membership in this Association shall be essential to eligibility to any office within the body.

Article 8. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules or institute proceedings that shall infringe upon the independence or rights of churches; but it may, when requested by a church in its letter or correspondence, and not otherwise, give advice in such body, and it may separate from such churches as are know to walk disorderly.

Article 9. This Association may correspond bv letter or messenger with other representative bodies of the Baptist denomination.

Article 10. This Association shall, at its Annual meetings, appoint an Executive Board, composed of as many members as there shall be churches represented, with five additional members living in the same vicinity, any five of whom shall constitute a quorum. Each church shall have the privilege of nominating its own member of the Board. Said Board shall elect its own officers and shall have power to transact the business of the Association when the Association is not in session, and for this purpose meet as often as the Chairman shall deem necessary. An Annual report of the proceedings of the Board shall be made to the Association.

Article 11. The Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present, provided the proposition to change be made at a previous meeting.

# Rules of Decorum.

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Article 2. The Moderator shall be considered judge of order, and shall have discretionary right to call to order at any time.

Article 3. Any member not satisfied at his decision may appeal to the Association the same day, but at no other.

Article 4. The Moderator may have the same privilege of speech as any other member of the body; provided he call some other brother to the chair; but shall not be permitted to vote except in case of tie.

Article 5. Every motion made in order and seconded after sufficient time for discussion shall be, by the Moderator, put to a vote of the Association, a majority of whom shall govern, and the decision shall be publicly announced by the Moderator.

Article 6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator; and the Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person, or otherwise.

Article 7. Every member, in addressing the body, must confine his remarks to the subject under discussion, and no member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or uses words of personal reflection.

Article 8. The appellation "Brother" shall be used in our addresses.

Article 9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, nor more than once until all have had an opportunity of speaking.

Article 10. No member shall be at liberty to absent himself during hours of business without leave from the Moderator.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Association and submit the same for correction of the Association at the close of each session, and to preserve a file of the proceedings of the body.

Article 12. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money received for Associational purposes and pay them over by order of the body.

Article 13. In case of a motion to suspend any rules of the Association a vote of two-thirds shall be necessary.

Article 14. The roll of delegates shall be called at the close of each session, and the absentees without permission shall be designated upon the minutes as such, without leave from the Moderator.

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W. I. Hargis, University, Miss.

# MINUTES

OF THE

## Forty-Third Annual Session

OF THE

## OXFORD

# Baptist Association

## OF MISSISSIPPI

## A. D., 1912

OFFICERS

W. W. Dickins, Moderator ..... Batesville
A. T. Bobo, Clerk ..... Batesville
J. W. Higginbotham, Treasurer ..... Taylor

Place of Next Meeting ..... Clear Creek
Time: Tuesday Before the Second Sunday in September, 1913

To Preach Sermon ..... H. L. Johnson
Alternate ..... W. I. Hargis

Panola Democrat, Batesville, Miss.

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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# Forty-Third Annual Session

OF THE

# OXFORD

# Baptist Association

HELD WITH

## PILGRIM REST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 5, A D., 1912

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for Petitionary Letters.
2. Miscellaneous.
3. Receive Reports of Messengers.
4. Miscellaneous.
6. Appoint a Finance Committee.
7. Receive Reports of Standing Committees.
8. Miscellaneous.
9. Receive Treasurer's Report.
10. Miscellaneous.
11. Receive Report of Standing Committees.
12. Miscellaneous
13. Appoint Standing Committees.
14. Receive Report of Nominating Committee.
15, Miscellaneous.
16. Call and Correct Roll and Read Minutes.
17. Adjourn.

## Two Requests to Church Clerks.

1st. Please use the blank Associational Letters sent you last year, in your letters to the Association, it will save your Clerk much time in making up your Minutes,

2nd. Put every thing in your letters that should appear in the Minutes of the Association.

CLERK.

# DIRECTORY.

## Ordained Ministers.

N. R. Stone ..... Water Valley
W. J. Dersick ..... Water Valley
L. W. Metts ..... Oxford
R. S. Woolverton ..... Oxford
J. W. Lee ..... Batesville
W. I. Hargis ..... University
N. A. Moore ..... Oxford
W. D. House ..... Water Valley
C. C. Briscoe ..... Central Academy
H. L. Johnson ..... Water Valley.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

Missions—N. R. Stone, J. W. Higginbotham
Sunday Schoools—W. I. Hargis, C. S. Morris
Woman's Work—S. H. Shepherd, W. E. Hudson
Publications—H. L. Johnson, C. O. Anthony
Orpharage—A. T. Bobo, Boyd Jones
Education—F. L. Riley, Noel Johnson
Aid to Old Preachers—D. F. Hoyle, J. D. Woodruff
Laymen's Movement—B. P. Gooch, H. V. Draper
Temperance—S. D. Baker, B. B. McCullough
Hospitals—J. W. Lee, D. M. Kimbrough

## Report on Our Orphanage.

Orphanage work, while new in Mississippi, is as old as Christianity. One characteristic conspicuous in the life of our Lord was His disposition to care for the widow and orphan. The Holy Spirit gave it as one of the evidences of pure and undefiled religion, that its professor visit the fatherless and the widow in their afflictions. So the duty of caring for helpless orphan children need not be questioned The only question that should concern Christian organizations is as to the methods of doing the work.

We have for our consideration at this time the home of orphan children located at Jackson, known as the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage. It was established fifteen years ago under the direction of the Baptist denomination in Mississippi It is under the management of 21 trustees, 18 appointed by the State Convention, and 3 by General Association. They employ a local Superintendent who has the general supervision of the local management. It is supported entirely by voluntary contributions from individual Sunday Schools and churches.

We have at present four brick buildings, so equipped as to furnish comfortable accommodations for 225 children. We have in our Orphanage at present 227. With the expenditure of $1,500 or $2,000 we can provide rooms for 60 or 70 more. Our Superintendent, Rev. J. R. Carter, informs me that he has on file fifty or more applications, many of whom are worthy. About 550 have passed through the Home since its establishment, many of whom have gone out into life for themselves and are making good in the callings of life.

Our children there under the present management are trained to all manner of useful work. Special attention is given to all manner of cooking, house-keeping, sewing, washing and ironing for our girls; and farming, stock-raising, carpenter and machine work for our boys, together with training for some

boys and girls in the printing office. All have the advantage of six or eight months schooling each year.

We commend most heartily the work that is being done for our orphan children, and urge that our Sunday Schools and churches contribute more liberally to their support. We recommend that all our Sunday School take one collection each month for the orphanage and that each church make a Thanksgiving offering at their meeting in November, remembering that Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these, my childen, ye did it unto me."

In addition to the money contributions the churches, Sunday Schools, ladies societies may send clothing (good second-hand clothing accepted), towels, sheets, pillow cases, soap, thread, buttons, tablets, pencils, elastic, shoe strings, shoes and stockings for larges children, as we have plenty of the smaller ones. In fact anything that can be used in the everyday family. Let the farmers send corn, molasses, cured meats, and canned goods of all kinds.

Respectfully,

B. P. Gooch,
Noel Johnson,
—Committee

# FIRST DAY.

## Morning Session.

The Oxford Baptist Association met in its Forty-third annual session with the Pilgrim Rest Church. The Moderator, W. W. Dickens called the association to order at 10 o'clock a. m. The clerk, W. I. Hargis being absent. A. T. Bobo was appointed clerk pro tem. Brother Carter representing the Orphanage, conducted by requested—devotional services. Song, 'My Faith Looks Up to Thee," Brother J. W. Lee led in prayer; the audience sang "My Jesus I Have Thee." . Brother Carter read the latter part of the first Chapter of James, and made some strong and edifying comments on the scripture and, prayer by Bro. N. R. Stone. A letter from Bro. W. I. Hargis, expressing regret that sickness prevents his being present with us.

On request of Bro. W W. Dickins the Association joined Bro, P. I. Lipsey as he lead in prayer for Bro. Hargis.

On motion of Bro. J. W. Lee the letter wes made a part of the Minutes, and Bro. Lee was appointed to respond to it.

University, Miss., Aug. 21, 1921.

To the Brethren Composing the Forty-third Annual Session of the Oxford Association Meeting With the Pilgrim's Rest Church; Greeting:

It is with profound regret that I find myself to be unable to be with you in this your 43rd annual session, and share with the responsibilities of the work, and the joys that come from Christian fellowship.

During the 28 years that I have lived in the territory of the Oxford Association, if my memory serves me correctly, I have missed only two, possibly three meetings of the association. But conditions seem to justify my absence this time.

I pray God's blessings upon all your deliberations, and

trust that I shall learn that youhad a most helpful and enjoyable session.

With fraternal regards, I am yours in Chirst Jesus.

W. I. HARGIS.

The Moderator appointed as reading Clerks: B. P. Gooch and Boyd Jones. The Association then adjourned, and the associational sermon was preached by Bro. N. R. Stone, text 2d Chron., 7th chapter, 14th verse. Theme, "The Gospel for an Age of Sin." The sermon was earnest, forceful and edifying; prayer by Bro. J. R. Carter.

Adlourned until 1 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Bro. W. H. Hudson.

## Afternoon Session.

Assembled at 1:30 o'clock P M. Song: "On Higher Ground". Bro. P. I, Lipsey conducted devotional services. The reading clerks then proceeded to read the letters, and delegates were enrolled as follows:

Oxford: N. A. Moore and Mrs. F. S. Leavell.

New Liberty: John Scott, Joe Boister, A. J. McKee and Mist Mamie Carr.

Tocowa: No Delegates present.

Yellow Leaf: L. W. Metts, J T. McCain, E. Fudge, W. T. Webb, Mrs. Beulah Fudge, Miss Lura Gee.

Clear Creek: V. C. Jones, Boyd Jones, C. C. Briscoe, J. H. Shipp, A. E. Crowe and Thomas Horn and wife.

Liberty Hill: J. B. Pitcock, C. O. Anthony, F. W. Alewine, O D. McCullar, J. H. Anthony.

New Hope: John Henderson and Thomas Temple.

Batesville: A. T. Bobo, J. W. Lee, W. W. Dickins, B. B. McCullough, W. V. Varner and wife, Miss Hattie Dickins, Mrs J, S. Knox.

Mt. Pisgah: Sister Rep Burkhalter.

Water Valley: Rev, N. R. Stone, T. A. Hale, B. P. Gooch,

Mrs. N. R. Stone, Mrs. W M. Vanderberg, Miss Ada Johnson and Miss Lucy Vanderberg.

Bethany: Sister Alma Walgreen

Shady Grove, Panola County: J. J. Perkins, J. E. Perkins, P. F. Rikard, John Epps and L. B. Fisher.

Concord: E S. Moore, J. M. Tatum, Lane Horne. A. J. Turpin, and J. W. Higginbotham.

Union Grove: G. W. Thomas, J. H. Camp, Pascal Wright, Victor Thomas

Good Hope: J. A. Woodruff, J. A. Baker, T. A. Woodruff, A. S. Woodruff; alternates, T. A Lamb and L. F. Herring.

Bethel: J. T. Johnsey, Claud Johnsey, Berry McCurly and Dayson Baddly.

Pilgrim Rest; W. A. McCown, J. C. Brown, H. V. Draper, J. R. Jones and Jister Bell Clark.

Mt. Gilead: G. T. Weaver, W. H Hudson, and H. O. Quinn; alternates, H. Few.

Paris: Fred Hollowell, Lester King and D. F. Hoyle and wife

Courtland: J. D. Woodruff, Miss Anna Woodruff.

The Association then proceeded to organize.

The following officers were elected by ballot: W. W. Dickins, Moderator; A. T. Bobo, Clerk; J. W. Higginbotham, Treasurer. Bro. B. P. Gooch read report on orphanage, and yielded the floor to Brother J. R. Carter, who gave a practical talk about the orphanage, its purpose and management. Brother Gooch followed in an earnest talk, after which collection was taken for the orphanage, amounting to $15.96, and report was adopted. Committee on Devotional Exercises, J. W. Lee and Deacons of Pilgrim Rest Church. Finance Committee, J. D. Woodruff, B. B. McCullough and Shuford Baker. Moderator appointed Brethren N. R Stone and J. M. Metts to report on

Education, and on Sunday Schools, B. P. Gooch and B. B. McCullough. Layman Movement, T. A. Hale. Hospitals, N. R. Stone.

Adjourned till nine o'clock A. M., tomorrow.

# SECOND DAY.

## Morning Session.

Wednesday morning, Sept. 4th, 1912.

Association assembled by singing, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." Bro. J. W. Lee conducted Devotional Services. Prayer by Bro. B. B. McCullough. Song, "Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow." Bro. Lee read 16th verse of the 2nd chapter of James, and made some practical and helpful comments on same. Prayer by Bro. Metts. Minutes of Tuesday were read and approved. Letter from Big Springs was presented, read and delegates enrolled. H. L. Johnson, B. T. Bell, Miss Dovie Johnson, Miss Collie Fair, Mrs. Fannie Hudson, Committee on Nomination, J. W. Lee, J. A. Woodruff, John Broom. Committee on Apportionment, H. L. Johnson, J. W. Higginbotham, and B. B. McCullough. Reports of Messengers to Corresponding Bodies called for Bro. N. R. Stone reported visit to State Convention Bro. N. F. Metts, of Coldwater Association, was recognized. Bro. J. M. Metts made a plea for Shady Grove Church. The Moderator vacated the chair and called Bro. J. W. Higginbotham to preside and spoke in favor of the plea and took a collection for the benefit of the church, when the following pledges were made, to wit: Big Springs, $10.00; Clear Creek, $10.00;

Courtland, $5.00; Good Hope, $2.50; Oxford, $5.00; Liberty Hill, $5.00; Mt. Gilead, $5.00; New Hope, $2.50; Pilgrim Rest, $5.00; Union, Grove, $2.50; Water Valley, $10.00; Yellow Leaf, $5.00; Batesville, $15.00; Central, $5.00; Bethel, $4.00; Concord, $10.00.

## Report on Missions.

By Missions is meant the efforts of God's people to tell "every creature" in "all the world," that, "there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." 1st Tim., 2-5.

The need of "every creature" should appeal to us. The love for lost souls should impel us, and the command of Jesus should compel us. The missionary efforts of American Baptists increase every year and the success crowning their efforts are correspondingly larger. This is gratifying to those who love the Savior and love his cause.

It must not be said, however, that we have done what we could. Our efforts have not been according to our ability.

We need to realize more than ever that "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved," Acts 4; 12. This has been too much of a theory with us and not a solemn fact. We need also to recognize the authority of Jesus who commanded us to "go into the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Then we further need to feel as never before our obligation to obey the command of Him who had authority to give it.

While it is true that we are not measuring up to our full duty, nor meeting our obligations as we should yet we note with great pleasure that our people and churches are getting

larger visions of both their duties and obligations and enlarging their missionary efforts and encreasing their offerings to Missions. We further note with gratitude that our Heavenly Father is owning and crowning our efforts with His approval and blessings. For the sake of efficiency and convenience we have divided our missionary offorts and operations into Foreign, Home and State missions. It should be ever borne in mind that this is done for efficiency and convenience only. It is all missions. The dividing of the field and the work is of man and not God. Our Lord's words were, "all the world" and "every creature" and we should not stop short of it,

By State Missions we mean our efforts to give the gospel to the people of our State, organize new churches, help weak churches to self-support and lend some assistance to weak churches, to build suitable and comfortable houses of worship.

Our state missionaries occupied last year 243 mission stations, organized 16 Churches and 129 Sunday Schools and Baptized 900 persons. There was contributed and expended in this work $27,400.

By Home Mission work we mean, mission work done by Southern Baptists within the bounds of the Southern States, Panama aud Cuba. This work is carried on under the supervision of a Board of worthy brethren, elected each year by the Southern Baptist Convention, and is located at Atlanta, Ga. Much of the work of the Home Board is done in co-operation with the different State Boards, In addition to this co operative work in the States the Home Board is doing a great work in Cuba, Panama and among the negroes. Southern Baptists contributed to this work last year $366,050.51, of which amount Mississippi Baptists contributed $28,126 46.

By Foreign Missions we mean, the mission work done by

Southern Baptists is China, Africa, Japan, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina. To this work Southern Baptists contributed $580,408.17, of which Mississippi Baptists contributed $41,571.-65. Your committee asks that the statistical tables on pages 250 and 251 of the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention be made a part of this report.

Your committee further suggests that in order to keep well informed of our work abroad and at home one must take and read, the Foreign Mission Journal, edited by the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Field, edited by the Home Board and the Baptist Record, which is the organ of our State Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. W. LEE.

Discussed by Bro. J. W. Lee and tabled for the present. By request of the Moderator the audience sang, "On Higher Ground-" By request the Report on Publications was read:

## Report on Publications.

The denominational publications that we, as Baptists, are especially interested in, are the ones that stand for and represent the different departments of our work. The Baptist Record stands for all our denominational work and for the upbuild of the moral and religious welfare of the whole State. For this reason, it should appeal to every Baptist in the State, and should have the hearty support of every Baptist in Mississippi. It should go into every Baptist home, and any home would be blessed by its coming into it. It is a strong paper, and improving all the while. There are but few better religious papers today than the Record. There is none better or quite so good for Mississippi Baptists.

The Home and Foreign Mission interests of the denomina-

tion, are represented by the Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal, respectively. These are both excellent publications and no Baptist home can afford to be without them. Take all the above, pay for them and keep yourself informed, as to our denominational needs and what the denomination is doing.

The Orphanage Gem is the organ of our Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Miss. Take it, read it, pay for it and help the Orphanage.

All four of the above publications can be had for a whole year for the small sum of $2.75. A cheaper lot of reading no one ever had, quality considered. Some things seem cheap when they are very high. Some other things seem high when they are really very cheap. Quality, rather than cost, is to be considered, when we are considering matters relatiug to the Kingdom.

The Bible is the great text-book of Baptists. It must always find first place in our reading, and first place in our hearts. Let us read more, and we will do more.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. I. HARGIS.

Preaching by Bro. P. I. Lipsey who read eleven verses of the 1st chapter of Revolations, taking as a text the 11th verse from which he preached an earnest and eloquent sermon. Adjourned until 2:30 o'ciock P. M. Prayer by Bro. H. L. Johnson.

## Afternoon Session.

Assembled at singing of "When I Can Read My Title Clear." Prayer by Bro. P. I. Lipsey. Report of Committee on 5th Sunday Meetings:

## Report of Committee on 5th Sunday Meetings Held Since Last Association

We beg to report that we held the first of a series of 5th Sunday meetings with the New Prospect Church, in October, last. The attendance was good, and the program was carried out. The people seemed to enjoy the services very much, and we have reason to believe that much good was accomplished

The next meeting was held with the Taylor church in March last, with a good attendance on Saturday, and an interesting program. The program for Sunday was only partially carried out on account of rain.

On June 3rd, and last of the series for the associational year was held with the Shady Grove church, 6 miles East of Water Valley. The weather was good and the attendance was all that could be desired. The interest was good from the beginning.

The next meeting will be held with New Hope church, 3 miles Northwest of Water Valley, on the 28th and 29th of Sept., 1912. A program of which is appended hereto.

Respectfully Submitted.

W. I. HARGIS,
H. L. JOHNSON,
F. L. RILEY.
—Committee.

P. S. Your committee would respectfully recommend the continuance of this work, and that a committee on 5th Sunday meetings for the next Associational year be appointed at this session of the association. We would also urge upon the members of this body that they take a more general interest in these meetings, and when possible that they attend.

COMMITTEE.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING.

Oxford Association; Place, New Hope church, 3 miles Northwest of Water Valley.

Time, 28th and 29th of Sept., 1912.

SATURDAY.

10 A. M. Opening Services conducted by W. I. Hargis.

10:30 A. M. Need of More Bible Study, H. L. Johnson.

11 A. M. Sermon, Subject, The Mission of the Church, N. A. Moore.

1:30 P. M. The Layman's Relation to Missionary Work, J. W. Higginbotham, Noel Johnson.

2:30 P. M. The Making of a Home, D. F. Hoyle.

SUNDAY.

9:30 A. M. Devotional Service, by B. P. Gooch.

10 A. M. Why Every Church Should Have a Sunday School, F. L. Riley, D. M. Kimbrough.

General Discussion.

11 A. M. Sermon, by J. W. Lee; alternate, Henry Shepherd.

1:30 P. M. What Shall We Read? W. N. Stone, W. E. Hudson.

2:30 P. M. Why Have a Protracted Meeting Every Year? W. J. Derrick, E. M. Taylor.

Adjourn.

P. S. Read before Association

Report read and adopted and the committee continued.

## Report on Education.

If possible, we wish to determine the usefulness of an unlearned man in the cause of Christ. Could a white people of a rational mind wish to intrust in the hands of an unlearned man the great and responsible move of the kingdom of God? Would he understand the great and final command, Go ye, therefore, and deciple all nations. Though he be a type of moral character the mental ability would dimished his usefulness, But just wish to state that Baptists are not unlearned people. It doesn't take unlearned people to support the great cause upheld by Baptists. We are not Baptists because of illiteracy. It is due to the fact that we are loyal to the word of God.

People do by far maintain and support the largest number of educational institutions. In many ways our Baptist schools are in the lead of all others. For instance the Seminary of Louisville, Ky., is the largest and most progressive in many ways of any in America. Mississippi College and Hillman, at Clinton, and Blue Mountain Female College, at Blue Mountain, and the recently established Woman's College at Hattiesburg, are the equals of the equals of any denominational schools of our State. We. the people and churches, owe a debt of gratitude and finance to the well trained ministers, Sunday school workers and missionaries of great ability to the denominational move begotten through the work of these demoninational schools.

We do bless God's Holy name for the many blessings and wonderful reliefs that have been rendered through the trained co workers of these colleges.

Now, feeling and realizing the condition in which we now

stand compared with the condition in which we stood before realizing the benefits of a trained mind we now recommend the churches and all other religious moves to make annual contributions to the support of young ministers at Mississippi College and at our great Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

May God awaken the cause.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. M. METTS.

Spoken to by Bros. J. M. Metts and P. I. Lipsey, after which a subscription was taken as follows: Bethel, $2.00; Batesville, $50.00; Big Springs, $5.00; Courtland, $5.00; Concord, $5.00; Clear Creek, $15.00; Good Hope, $5.00; Liberty Hill, $5.00; Oxford, $25 00; Pilgrim Rest, $5.00; Shady Grove (Yallobusha) $1.00; Shady Grove (Panola) $2.50; Water Valley, $25. Report adopted.

## Report on Hospitals

The Bible teaching on the plan of salvation is so plain that no wayfaring man, though a fool, need not enter therein, and no less obvious is the authority and commands for hospital work.

In the O. T., with its types and shadows, we have but to turn to the healing of Naaman, the Syrian, and curing of the King with a fig poultice, to know God's attitude toward suffesing humanity; while the N. T. is a record of God's anointed on his errand of mercy. Take the story of the Good Samaritan out of the Bible, and what a vacancy! Pure religion is that that ministers to the widows and orphans in their afflictions.

In fact, one test of salvation is looking after the sick "I was sick and ye visited me," and the Almighty's warrant for sending a man to hell was his failure in this particular; for how dwelleth the love of God in a man who seeth his brother in need and shutteth his compassion from him?

We rejoice that, at last our people are beginning to wake up to this Bible teaching, obligation and opportunity and we note with pleasure that on July 20 our hospital at Memphis begun its operation. Also the cry for more room at Jackson is a mark of progress. These are ours and are what they are because of co-operation. And we, your committee, recommend that each church in the Association incorporate into its annual objects of benevolence an offering for hospital, and indulge the hope that soon we shall have a Baptist hospital in each Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

N. R. STONE,

Whereas, in the report on Hospitals, the hope is indulged that the time will soon come when our churches will build, equip and maintain a Hospital in each Association, therefore be it

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure that one of our churches, viz: Water Valley, is contemplating the building, equipping and maintaining of a Hospital.

Resolved further, That the only reason we do not pledge said church our material support is our present obligation to our Tri-State Hospital.

Spoken by Bros. N. R. Stone, J. W. Lee and J L. Johnson and adopted. Besolution offered by J. W. Lee, adopted.

## Report on Nominations.

We, your committee on Nominations, beg leave to report that we recommend that the place of next meeting be, Clear Creek, time, Tuesday before the 2nd Sunday in Sept., 1913. To preach the associational sermon, H. L. Johnson, alternate, W. I. Hargis.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. W. LEE,
J. A. WOODRUFF
J C. BROOM.

Adopted. Adjournment until Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. C. C. Briscoe.

# THIRD DAY

## Morning Session.

Thursday Morning, Sept. 5, 1912.

Association assembled at 9:15 o'clock. Song, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing." Bro. N. F. Metts, of Coldwater Association, conducted Devotional Exercises. Read a part of the 17th chapter of John. Prayer by Bro. H L. Johnson. Bro. Metts then made an earnest and effective talk on the Scripture read. Prayer by Bro. J. W. Lee The report on Missions was taken from the table and further discussed by Brethren N. F. Metts and H. L. Johnson and adopted. On motion of Bro. Lee the committee appointed at a former meeting to investigate the History of this Association prepared by Brother Higgnbotham be requested to report of our next meeting.

## Report on Sunday Schools.

Today, as we look out unto the uttermost part of the earth we see on every hand, Sunday Schools. It is almost impossible for us to think that there ever was a time when churches of Our Lord had no Sunday School, yet such a condition once existed. But the Spirit of our Lord moved upon the hearts of his people to gather children together and teach them ohe Bible. From this inspiration the idea has grown until today no other one thing is regarded as so essential to church growth, life and activity as the Sunday school.

Today we have as a great power house the Sunday School Board, located at Nashville, to which a force of men and woman and machinery are busily engaged in preparing and publishing the very best book, papers, literature, helps of all kinds, also Bibles and song books. In fact, everything that can be used in every way in a modern, well-equipped Sunday School.

Today the Sunday School is for all members of the family. The Cradle Roll for the babies, the Primary, the Junior, the Intermediate, the Advanced and the Adult. The Scripture lessons are so arranged as to meet the need of every age, so that every one can go to Sunday school now and find classes studying in grades best suited to their age, and now for those too old or for other reason cannot attend, we have a Home Department. Now, we have a plan known as the teachters Training Course, when teachers can better prepare for teaching the Bible The Board also has field secretaries in nearly every State, who are busily engaged in organizing schools, holding institutes and helping in the work in many ways.

This is a day of mighty achievements along all lines; a

day of great possibilities and Christian people have greater opportunities for the study and growth in the knowledge of God's word. Therefore we urge that there shall be a Sunday school in every church and the study of the Bible in every home in the Oxford Association.

Respectfully.

B. P. GOOCH,
B. B. MCCULLOUGH,
—Committee.

Discussed by B. P. Gooch, W. W. Dickins, Bro. Higginbotham, H. L. Johnson and J. W. Lee. Adopted

## Report on Laymen's Movement.

The business men of our churches, realizing the importance of business methods in our Master's work, entered into an agreement that they would endeavor to forward the Kingdom of our Lord. The movement does not displace any of the regular organized channels for carrying on the Mission work in the Foreign and Home fields, yet the conservation of our Laymen. Their increased earnestness in the work and their liberal gifts, have deepened and widened the channels.

The efficiency of our boards and missionaries have been increased. Schools, colleges, hospitals have been established, equipped, and are maintained. Missionary information and education are some of the fruits of the Laymen's Movement We urge upon all our churches the importance of holding Mission rallies at least once each year and that a portion of the time at our 5th Sunday meetings be given to the discussion of Men and Missions.

That this Association appoint one man to receive and distribute literature and arrange to co-operate with pastors

and churches in Missions rallies.

Respectfully Submitted,

T. A. HALE.

Discussed by Bros. W. W. Dickins, Gooch and J. W. Lee and adopted.

On motion of J. W. Lee, Bro. L. F. Riley is requested to deliver his lecture on tithing in connection with the report on Laymens' Movement at our our Association

## Minutes of Woman's Missionary Meeting.

The meeting of the W. M. U. of Oxford Association was called to order at 1:30 P. M.. Wednesday, Sept. 4, 1912, our vice-president, Mrs. F. S. Leavell, presiding. and leading in prayer.

SOCIETIES REPRESENTED.

Big Springs: Mrs. G. W. Fair.
New Liberty: Minnie Carr.
Batesville: Mrs. Knox, Miss Hattie Dickins.
Courtland: Miss Annie Woodruff.
Pilgrim Rest: Mrs. Tommie Mars.
Oxford: Mrs. F. S. Leavell.
Water Valley: Mrs. N. R. Stone, Mrs. M. Vanderburg.

Mrs. F. S. Leavell was again renominated for Vice President; Mrs. Christopher Lougest for Y. W. A. Leader; Miss Hattie Dickins, for Sunbeam Work, Mrs. N. R. Stone, for Personal Service Department.

Miss M. Dickins and Mrs. Leavell discussed our new department, Personal Service.

Mrs N. R. Stone made a very interesting talk on the importance of Our Home, Foreign, Field Mission Journal and Our Mission Fields in our work.

Mrs. T. H. Horne took literature and agreed to orgauize a society at Clear Creek. Mrs. Stone agreed to organize at Bethel.

The following resolution was presented:

Whereas, we feel that our work is increasing and being blessed, $1,077.65 being contributed by seven societies, and whereas, that we realize the desirability of a society in each church, and literature provided each society,

Resolved, That we ask the Oxford Association for $5.00 for postage, etc., the Vice President having heretofore furnished this from her own pocket.

Closed with prayer by Mrs. Stone,

## Report on Woman's Work

Since the advent of our Lord on earth Woman's Work has been prominent in His cause. She was among the first to recognize the infant Christ and praised God for the gift of His Son; and until this good day her loving and faithful service has been given to his cause, her hands' head and heart, working, planning and encouraging the workers, but until recent years they have not been organized. About 25 years ago they organized for more systematic and thorough work. For a time the W. M. U. had to struggle for existence and recognition among the brethren, but God smiled on their efforts and today brethren must look to their laurels or they will be outstripped in the race, This young organization of about ten thousand, five hundred societies in the S. B. C. gave last year $267,957.25 to the various objects fostered by Baptists, your committee does not know the number of Societies in Mississippi but they gave $32,613.97, and our own W. M. U., of Oxford Association, seven in number, report to this Association a gitt for this associational year of $1,043.80, Your Committee deem it unnecessary to plead

with the Association for recognition and encouragement of these societies, but would encourage other churches to organize Societies, and would earnestly recommend to Associations, Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention that the Woman's Missionary Union be given a page in the Minutes of each for a statistical table so that their work may be better known and men may take notice and move on or get out of the way.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. T. BOBO,

J. D. WOODRUFF,

—Committee.

Discussed by H L. Johnson, J. W. Higginbotham, N. F. Metts and adopted. A collection was taken for Woman's Missionary Union, amounting to $7.60. Adjourned to 1:30 P. M. Prayer by Bro. Shepherd.

## Afternoon Session.

Assembled at singing "Sweet By and By." Bro. H. L Johnson conducted devotional services. Prayer by Bro. J. M. Metts. Song, "Beautiful". Prayer by Bro. Higginbotham. Song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Report of Finance Committee:

## Report on Finance.

We, your Finance Committee, beg to report the following amounts which have been received by us and paid over to the

Treasurer of this Association:

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| Minutes and Clerk | $63.20 |
| State Missions | 12.50 |
| Home Missions | 21.15 |
| Foreign Missions | 30.54 |
| Orphanage | 18.85 |
| Ministerial Education | 4.10 |
| Sustentation | 1.00 |
| Total | $151.34 |

Respecfully Submitted,
J. D. WOODRUFF,
—Chairman.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

## Report on Temperance

Your Committee begs leave to make the following report on Temperance. This is a subject we should give more careful attention to than we do. Dear brethren, let us look more carefully than we have been doing Look at our own dear State, at what whiskey is doing today. It is the cause of more murders than anything else. Your Committee is sorry to say that its almost impossible to get a jury to convict a blind tiger. We can look over our county at large and see the bright faces of young men whose lives are sapped by the curse of strong drink. We should be temperate in all things Your Committee is glad to see progress made along the line of temperance. Temperance

should be taught in our homes and schools, and practiced at home and abroad. We should be ready to give a helping hand to the temperance case. Again your Committee would respectfully urge every pastor to use his best efforts for the temperance cause. With an open Bible before us we should never stop until the last drop of whiskey is stamped out of the great government ours. The devil stands read at any and all times to use his influence against temperance. Your Committee is sorry that a better report could not be gotten up at this time. In all our acts for Christienity, let us not forget to work for the cause of temperance.

Respectfully,

W. H. HUDSON.
—Committee.

Spoken by Bro. J. W. Lee and adopted.

## Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer begs leave to report that he has received from the finance committee the following amounts:

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| Minutes and Clerk - - - | $63.20 |
| State Missions - - - | 12.50 |
| Home Missions - - - | 21,15 |
| Orphanage - - - | 30.54 |
| Ministerial Education - - - | 4.10 |
| Sustentation - - - | 1.00 |
| Also received for W. M. U., Sec. Ex. - | 7.60 |
| | $158.94 |

Respectfully Submitted,

J. W. HIGGINBOTHAM,
Treasurer.

Report adopted. Bro. J. W. Higginbotham was appointed a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion, the chair appointed Bro. B. P. Gooch to raise the money to defray the delegate's expenses to the Convention.

## Report on Ministerial Relief

This subject is being more intelligently and properly considered than it once was. It is gratifying to see that the interest taken in this subject is increasing and to know that the current funds for this purpose last year were larger than ever before. And this shows that in order to enlist people in any cause they must be informed, must know about it Your Committee is of the opinion that none of the interests fostered by this body, not even Orphanage, Hospital, Missions, Education or anything else should have precedence over this subject. This is a subject demanding our prayerful consideration, and our material support, constant and liberal. It is our duty, brethren, to offer relief now for old ministers are in some respects just like other men. When they become old, feeble and superannuated they die. So the time to relieve an old preacher or anybody else or do the good in any way is while they are living.

Brethren, let us seriously consider this matter and then act accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. W. HIGGINBOTHAM.

Spoken by Bros. Higginbotham, W. W. Dickins and Shepherd and adopted.

## Report on Apportionment

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| Big Springs | $ 60 00 |
| Taylor | 25 00 |
| Bethany | 55 00 |
| Union Grove | 15 00 |
| Bethel | 55 00 |
| Water Valley | 1100 00 |
| Clear Creek | 100 00 |
| Yellow Leaf | 50 00 |
| Concord | 80 00 |
| Central | 165 00 |
| Courtland | 45 00 |
| Good Hope | 55 00 |
| Liberty Hill | 55 00 |
| Mt. Gilead | 22 00 |
| Mt. Pisgah | 22 00 |
| New Liberty | 25 00 |
| New Prospect | 13 00 |
| Oxford | 1100 00 |
| Pilgrim Rest | 55 00 |
| Paris | 20 00 |
| Panola | 242 00 |
| Shady Grove (Y) | 15 00 |
| Shady Grove (P) | 10 00 |
| Tocowa | 22 00 |
| Total | $3406 00 |

Report adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be expressed to Pilgrim Rest Church and all the friends of the community for

their kind, generous and abounding hospitality in entertaining this body at this session.

Resolution of thanks adopted.

Minutes read and approved.On motion the State Convention is requested to receive as a delgate any member of this Association who may be present. Adopted.

Song, "Shall We Gather at the River." Prayer by Bro J. W. Lee, and adjourned to meet with Clear Creek Church, on Tuesday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1913.

W. W. DICKINS,
Moderator.

A. T. BOBO,
Clerk.

# IN MEMORIAM

Rev. W. L. Hudson
Charles Thornton
Mrs. W. F. Burnett
Sister Caroline Tatum
Sister Jettie Gray
Mrs. G. M. Goforth
Mrs. J. F. Pollard
Sallie Henderson
Miss P. E. Jones
Mrs. Gray Walverton
Judge W. D. Frazer
Jacob L. Hays
Sister Maggie Faggert
Roy Patton
Mrs. Mary N. Johnson
Mrs. E. E. Gardner
Sister Margaret Mabry
Bro. W. C. Lowe
Rev. T. B Williamson
Miss Sadie Mitchell
W. N. McGraw
Sister Nannie Miley
Sister Anna Box
Sister Fannie Christian
Bro. D. Royal
Sister Leacy Johnson
Sister S. E. McMinn.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD

| CHURCHES | SUPERINTENDENTS | POST OFFICE | No. Officers & Teachers | Number of Scholars | Kind of Literature Used | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Big Springs | Guy Fair | Water Valley | 5 | 60 | S. B. C. Series | 1 |
| Bethany | H. I. Brown | Enid | 3 | 30 | " | 1 |
| Bethel | | | 4 | 65 | | 1 |
| Courtland | | | 8 | 52 | " " | |
| Concord | | | | | | |
| Clear Creek | G. C. McElroy | Oxford r2 | 4 | 74 | " " | 10 |
| Central | I. O. Pearson | Grenada | 3 | 34 | " " | 2 |
| Good Hope | | | 2 | 18 | " " | |
| Liberty Hill | J. C. Campbel | Courtland | 4 | 32 | " " | |
| Mt. Gilead | H. Quinn | Water Valley | 3 | 30 | " " | |
| New Liberty | Geo. House | Water Valley | 3 | 25 | " " | |
| Oxford | F. L. Riley | Oxford | 31 | 338 | " " | 1 |
| Panola | C. S. Morris | Batesville | 8 | 74 | " " | 3 |
| Pilgrim Rest | S. D. Baker | Central Academy | 6 | 70 | " " | |
| Shady Grove, Panola | P. F. Rikard | Central Academy | 3 | 52 | " " | 14 |
| Water Valley | D. H. Landrum | Water Valley | 16 | 210 | " " | 1 |
| | | Total | 103 | 1164 | | 34 |

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| Union Grove | 59 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Water Valley | 330 | 3 | 8 | | 11 | 10 | 17 | 2 | 29 | 312 | N. R. Stone | Water Valley | G. R. Wood | Water Valley |
| Yellow Leaf | 156 | 19 | 5 | 1 | 25 | 8 | | | 8 | 172 | N. A. Moore | Oxford | G. R. Webb | Oxford |
| Total | 2016 | 87 | 84 | 4 | 175 | 79 | 31 | 28 | 138 | 2185 | | | | |

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# CHURCH RECORD

| CHURCHES | Members Last Report | INCREASED BY Baptism | Letter | Restoration | Total | DECREASED BY By Letter | Exclusion | Death | Total | Membership present | PASTORS | POST OFFICE | CLERKS | POST OFFICE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bethel | 99 | 2 | | | 2 | | | 2 | 2 | 99 | N. R. Stone | Water Valley | J. T. Johnsey | Water Valley |
| Big Springs | 107 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 105 | W. I. Hargis | University | W. E. Hudson | Water Valley R 3 |
| Bethany | 37 | 1 | | | 1 | 3 | 1 | | 4 | 34 | N. B. Graves | Oakland | D. W. Patterson | Enid |
| Central | | 4 | 2 | | 6 | | | 1 | 1 | 103 | J. W. Lee | Batesville | Overton Pearson | Grenada |
| Concord | 122 | 5 | | | 5 | | 7 | 5 | 12 | 115 | J. M. Metts | | J.W. Higginbotham | Taylor R 1 |
| Clear Creek | 190 | 20 | 2 | | 22 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 203 | W. I. Hargis | University | Boyd Jones | Burgess |
| Courtland | 3 | | 4 | | 4 | 2 | | 1 | 3 | 34 | Wilson | Coldwater | F. W. Bailey | Courtland |
| Good Hope | 39 | | | | | 2 | | | 2 | 37 | J. W. Lee | Batesville | A. S. Woodruff | Batesville R 1 |
| Liberty Hill | 130 | 1 | 2 | | 3 | 4 | | 1 | 5 | 128 | H. L. Johnson | Water Valley | J. T. Tyler | Pope |
| Mt. Pisgah | | | | | | | | | | 50 | N. B. Weaver | Oakland | P. J. Burkhalter | Enid |
| Mt. Gilead | 33 | | 3 | | 3 | | | 1 | 1 | 35 | M. J Dessick | Coffeeville | H. Quinn | Water Valley R 2 |
| New Liberty | 44 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | 45 | H. L. Johnson | Water Valley, R2 | W. H. McKee | Water Valley R 2 |
| New Hope | | | | | 2 | 3 | | 1 | 4 | 21 | | | | |
| New Prospect | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oxford | 238 | 7 | 33 | | 40 | 26 | 1 | 4 | 31 | 247 | | | Dr. J. E. Hargis | Oxford |
| Paris | | | 3 | | 3 | 1 | | | 1 | 35 | D. F. Hoyle | Paris | W. J. Moorehead | Paris |
| Panola | 132 | 6 | 9 | | 15 | 4 | | 1 | 5 | 142 | J. W. Lee | Batesville | R. W Draper | Batesville |
| Pilgrim Rest | 205 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 205 | S. H. Shepherd | Paris | H. V. Draper | Shuford |
| Shady Grove(P) | 40 | 14 | 3 | | 17 | | | 1 | 1 | 56 | J. M. Metts | Como | J. J. Perkins | Central Academy |
| Shady Grove(C) | | 1 | | | | | | | | 28 | S. H. Shepherd | Water Valley R 6 | F. M. Edwards | Water Valley R 6 |
| Tocowa | 25 | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | 24 | | | C. R. Tubbs | Batesville R. 2 |
| Taylor | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Union Grove | 59 | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 58 | | | W. P. Newson | Pine Valley |
| Water Valley | 330 | 3 | 8 | | 11 | 10 | 17 | 2 | 29 | 312 | N. R. Stone | Water Valley | G. R. Wood | Water Valley |
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# FINANCIAL STATISTICS

| CHURCHES | Pastor's Salary | Building and Repairing | Incidentals | Visiting Ministers | Sunday School Expenses | MISSIONS Home | MISSIONS Foreign | MISSIONS State | Other Objects | Orphanage | Ministerial Education | Colleges and Schools | Ministerial Relief | Minutes and Clerk | Associational Missions | Temperance | Hospitals | Total Contributions | Value of Church Property | Value of Pastors' Homes Church Property |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bethany | $150 | | 36 | | 15 | 1125 | 1125 | 1975 | | | | 25 | | | | | | 26825 | 12 | |
| Bethel | 100 | 50 | 2 | | | | 15 | | | 1000 | | | | 175 | | | | 17875 | 8 | |
| Big Springs | 150 | | 10 | 25 | 13 | 17 | 17 | 16 | | 2070 | 1840 | | | 300 | | | | 29010 | 1 | |
| Courtland | 7.50 | | 9.50 | | | | 750 | 275 | 5 | 1025 | | | | | | | | 4250 | 4 | |
| Concord | | | | 4130 | | 250 | 250 | | | | | | 1 | 360 | | | | 5090 | 1 | |
| Clear Creek | 150 | | | 3550 | | 33 | 33 | 1035 | 2 | | 15 | | | 5 | | | | 28385 | 3 | |
| Central | 550 | | | | | | 18 | | | 25 | 250 | | | 3 | 100 | | | 69850 | | |
| Good Hope | 71 | 30.60 | 2 | 1500 | | 16 | 17 | | | 535 | | | | | | | | 15695 | 1 | |
| Liberty Hill | 94 | 35 | | 1135 | | 160 | | | 8 | | | | | 2 | | | | 15195 | 1 | |
| Mt. Pisgah | 150 | | | | | 5 | | | | | | | | 150 | | | | 15650 | 5 | |
| Mt. Gilead | 75 | 75 | | | 150 | 5 | 5 | 5 | | | | | | 205 | | | | 9420 | 65250 | |
| New Liberty | 50 | | | 19 | | 650 | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 7650 | 5 | |
| New Hope | | | | | | | | | 8 | | | | | 1 | | | | 9 | | |
| Oxford | 1575 | 229.69 | 33269 | 100 | 17327 | 45695 | 89223 | 6195 | 9418 | 7825 | 40 | 15 | | 10 | | 75 | 10 | 414371 | 22000 | 4000 |
| Paris | | | | | | | m10 | | | 245 | | | | 1 | | | | 1345 | | |
| Panola | 600 | 26 | 65 | 10650 | 66 | 97 | 130 | 7680 | 5 | 75 | 3855 | 15 | 1450 | 750 | j80 | | 25925 | 166210 | 3 | |
| Pilgrim Rest | 47.35 | | | 1050 | 1102 | 425 | 1154 | | | 289 | 160 | | | 110 | | | | 9025 | 1 | |
| Shady Grove(P) | 75 | | | | 5 | 215 | | | 5 | | | | | | | | | 8715 | | |
| Shady Grove(C) | 40 | 75 | | 10 | | 5 | | | | | | | | 50 | | | | 13050 | 4 | |
| Tocowa | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 1050 | |
| Union Grove | | | | | | 6 | | | | | | | | 70 | | | | 670 | | |
| Water Valley | 1250 | 2817 79 | 22528 | 165 | 17029 | 14675 | 180 | 100 | p1965 | 20 | | | | 10 | | | | 510476 | 18 | 2000 |
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# WOMANS MISSIONARY UNION

| RCHES | PRESIDENTS | POST OFFICE | SECRETARY | POST OFFICE | Building and Repair | Incidentals | Poor | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Orphanage | Colleges & Shools | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| rings | Mrs. G W. Fair | Water Valley | Miss Dovie Johnson | Water Valley | | | | | 3 00 | 3 00 | 15 70 | | $ 40 10 |
| ville | " M. B. Knox | Batesville | Miss Hattie Dickins | Batesville | | | | 2 50 | 82 50 | 2 50 | | 259 25 | 346.75 |
| and | " Alice Morris | Courtland | Mrs. S. C. Bailey | Courtland | | 17 25 | | 2 75 | | 7 50 | 10 25 | | 37.75 |
| y Hill | " S. A. Pitcock | Shuford | Mrs. E. E. Monteith | Courtland | 5 00 | 5 00 | | 1 00 | 1 00 | | | | 12 00 |
| n Rest | " Tommie Moss | CentralAcad'my | Esther Beck | Central Academy | | | | | 4 25 | | | | 4.25 |
| d | " F. S. Leavell | Oxford | Mrs. J. J. Vance | Oxford | | | | 61 95 | 90 65 | 133 75 | 51 25 | | 375.95 |
| Valley | " O. T.Taver | Water Valley | Mrs. J.L. Trusty | Water Valley | 75 00 | 26 35 | 4 65 | 20 00 | 44 00 | 50 00 | 20 85 | | 260.85 |
| | | | | | 80 00 | 48 60 | 4 65 | 88 20 | 225 40 | 196 75 | 98 05 | 259 25 | 1,077.65 |

## CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The Association shall be called the Oxford Baptist Association, which shall meet annually. The object of this union shall be to cultivate fraternal intercourse and love between the churches composing this body, and unite in their efforts in the great work of advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom. In the prosecution of these objects, the dissemination of the gospel by missionary operations, both home and abroad, shall receive their encouragement, fostering care and support. It shall be the aims of this Association to promote the cause of Sabbath Schools, also the interest of general education, and more especially the education of the ministry. All Christian and charitable enterprises shall receive their encouragement, among which the support of superanuated and worn out ministers will receive special attention.

Article 2 Each church belonging to this Association shall be entitled to three representatives until the number reaches twenty-five, and one delegate for every twenty-five; provided, in no case shall any church have more than eight delegates.

Article 3. The delegates present representing churches shall, during the session, present their letters of correspondence, which must state their appointment, together with their number of members in fellowship, the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded and died during the year.

Article 4. Any church of this Association failing to represent herself at one meeting will be expected to state the reason thereof at the next meeting, and any church thus fail-

ing at two successive meetings, the Association may consider her dropped from her number, or may appoint committee to inquire into such failure.

Article 5 Other churches approving our Articles of Faith, and desiring to act and live in fellowship with us, may be admitted into this body by signifying their approval and desire by delegate and letters.

Article 6. This Association shall have a Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting as soon as the letters from the churches are read and the names of the delegates enrolled. A majority of the votes cast being necessary to an election.

Article 7. Membership in this Association shall be essential to eligibility to any office within the body.

Article 8. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules or institute proceedings that shall infringe upon the independence or rights of churches; but it may, when requested by a church in its letters or correspondence, and not otherwise, give advice in such body, and it may separate from such churches as are known to walk disorderly.

Article 9. This Association may correspond by letter or messenger with other representative bodies of the Baptist denomination.

Article 10. This Association shall, at its annual meetings, appoint an Executive Board, composed of as many members as there shall be churches represented, with five additional members living in the same vicinity, any five of whom. shall con-

stitute a quorum. Each church shall have the privilege of nominating its own member of the Board. Said Board shall elect its own officers and shall have power to transact the business of the Association when the Association is not in session and for this purpose meet as often as the Chairman shall deem necessary. An annual report of the proceedings of the Board shall be made to the Association.

Article 11. The Constitution shall be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present, provided the proposition to change be made at a previous meeting.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Article 2. The Moderator shall be considered judge of order, and shall have discretionary right to call to order at any time

Article 3. Any member not satisfied at his decision may appeal to the Association the same day, but at no other time.

Article 4. The Moderator may have the same privilege of speech as any other member of the body; provided, he call some other brother to the chair; but shall not be permitted to vote except in case of tie.

Article 5. Every motion made in order and seconded after sufficient time for discussion shall be, by the Moderator, put to a vote of the Association, a majority of whom shall gov-

ern, and the decision shall be publicly announced by the Moderator.

Article 6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator: and the Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person, or otherwise.

Article 7. Every member, addressing the body, must confine his remarks to the subject under discussion, and no member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or uses words of personal reflection.

Article 8. The appellation "Brother" shall be used in our addresses.

Article 9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, nor more than once until all have had an opportunity of speaking.

Article 10. No member shall be at liberty to absent himself during hours of business without leave from the Moderator.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Association and submit the same for correction of the Association at the close of each session, and to preserve a file of the proceedings of the body.

Article 12. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys received for Associational purposes and pay them over by order of the body.

Article 13. In case of a motion to suspend any rules of the Association a vote of two-thirds shall be necessary.

Article 14. The roll of delegates shall be called at the close of each session, and the absentees without permission shall be designated upon the minutes as such, without leave from the Moderator.

(NOTICE—Report on Orphanage will be found on first pages of Minutes.)

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# Proceedings

of the

## Forty-Fourth Annual Session

of the

# Oxford Baptist Association

of Mississippi

held with

## Clear Creek Church

September 9, 10, 11, A. D., 1913.

The City Itemizer Job Print, Water Valley, Miss.

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# Oxford Baptist Association

HELD WITH

## CLEAR CREEK CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11, A. D., 1913.

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PLACE OF NEXT MEETING—New Prospect Church
TIME—Tuesday after the First Sunday in September, 1914.

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To Preach Sermon—J. W. Lee.
Alternate—H. W. Rockett

## Order of Business.

1. Call for Petitionary Letters.
2. Miscellaneous.
3. Receive Reports of Messengers.
4. Miscellaneous.
5. Appoint a Finance Committee.
6. Miscellaneous.
7. Receive Report of Standing Committees.
8. Miscellaneous.
9. Receive Treasurer's Report.
10. Miscellaneous.
11. Appoint Standing Committees.
12. Miscellaneous.
13. Receive Report of Nominating Committee.
14. Miscellaneous.
15. Call and Correct Roll and Read Minutes.
16. Adjourn.

# Directory.

## Officers of the Association.

W. W. Dickens ..... Moderator
B. P. Gooch ..... Clerk
J. W. Higginbotham ..... Treasurer

## Ordained Ministers.

W. I. Hargis ..... University
H. L. Johnson ..... Water Valley, Route 3
H. W. Rockett ..... Courtland
N. F. Metts ..... Oxford
J. M. Metts ..... Oxford
Fred Varner ..... Taylor, Route 1
J. W. Lee ..... Batesville
W. D. House ..... Water Valley
D. F. Hoyle ..... Paris

Lee Linder ..... Taylor
E. M. Taylor ..... Taylor
A. A. Walker ..... Water Valley
Jas. B. Leavell ..... Oxford
N. A Moore ..... Oxford
L. W. Metts ..... Oxford

## Licensed.

DeWitt Horne ..... Splinter
J. W. Wells ..... Paris

## Standing Committees.

MISSIONS—J. W. Lee, H. H. Johnson.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS—F. L. Riley, N. A. Moore.
WOMAN'S WORK—H. L. Johnson, J. M. Metts.
PUBLICATIONS—J. W. Higginbotham, D. C. Baddley.
EDUCATION—H. W. Rockett, A. C. Hargis.
ORPHANAGE—W. I. Hargis, B. B. McCullough.
AID TO OLD PREACHERS—D. F. Hoyle, A. C. McElreath.
LAYMAN'S MOVEMENT—Boyd Jones, H. V. Draper.
TEMPERANCE—E. M. Taylor, W. E. Hudson.
HOSPITALS—B. P. Gooch, J. B. Leavell.

## Executive Committee.

H. L. Johnson, E. M. Taylor, D. W. Patterson,
James Camp, D. C. Baddley, J. L. Trusty,
Boyd Jones, W. T. Webb, J. W. Higginbotham,
I. O. Pearson, J. D. Woodruff, A. H. Taylor,
A. S. Woodruff, W. B. Hunter, Ples Burkhalter,
W. A. Tutor, A. C. McElreath, W. I. Hargis,
H. V. Draper, D. F. Hoyle, B. B. McCullough,
J. J. Perkins, T. A. Tubbs, Robt. Walters, John Henderson.

## Central Committee.

H. W. Roberts, Fred Bailey, J. W. Lee,
B. B. McCullough, A. T. Bobo.

# Proceedings---First Day.

## Morning Session.

BURGESS, MISS., September 9, 1913.

The Oxford Baptist Association met in its Forty-Fourth Annual Session with the Clear Creek Church on the above date at 10:30 a. m.

Devotional exercises were conducted by H. W. Rockett, who read the 34th Psalm, and led in prayer. H. H. Johnson presided at the organ, and "Shall we gather at the River" was the opening song. "Stand up for Jesus" and "Revive us again" were also sung.

In the absence of the Clerk of last session W. I. Hargis was made temporay Clerk.

B. P. Gooch and B. B. McCullough were appointed Reading Clerks, and the letters from the following Churches were read and Messengers enrolled:

1. Bethel—D. C. Baddley, Elzy Sartain.
2. Union Grove—G. W. Thomas, L. R. Camp.
3. Panola—J. W. Lee, W. W. Dickens, B. B. McCullough, Arthur Ailes, C. M. McCullough, Mrs. C. S. Norris.
4. Water Valley—B. P. Gooch.
5. Yellow Leaf—W. T. Webb.
6. New Liberty—No Messengers.
7. Liberty Hill—Pink Anthony, W. H. Tyler, Miss Lyda Morris.
8. Good Hope—J. A. Baker, J. A. Woodruff, Miss Eva Woodruff.
9. New Prospect—H. H. Johnson, A. C. McElreath, Garrie Brasher, Geo. E. Smith.
10. Shady Grove (Panola County)—Percy Mathis, J. J. Perkins, Miss Bessie Perkins, M. L. Fisher.

At 11:20 the reading of the letters was suspended for the Associational Sermon, which was preached by H. L. Johnson. Text, 1st Peter 5:8-12. Subject: "The Devil, his Character and Influence in the World." The sermon was replete with facts and suggestions.

E. H. Keeting and D. M. Wilson, from Coldwater Association, were recognized.

After announcements, adjourned to 2 p. m.

## Afternoon Session.

Opening song, "My soul, be on thy guard." Devotional exercises conducted by B. P. Gooch. Read from John 1st chapter and led in prayer.

Resumed reading of the letters:

11. Courtland—H. W. Rockett and wife, J. D. Woodruff.
12. Clear Creek—H. L. Bunch, J. W. Mills, W. J. Jones, J. C. Hollman, G. C. McElroy, Mrs. G. C. McElroy, Miss Allie Jones, Miss Annie Jones.
13. Pilgrim's Rest—A. W. McCowan, Mrs. Floy McCowan.
14. Concord—J. L. Mathis, J. L. Jones, Fred Varner, J. W. Higginbotham, L. B. Jones and wife.
15. Big Springs—H. L. Johnson, Mrs. Lilly Williamson.
16. Tocowa—T. A. Tubbs.
17. Oxford—W. I. Hargis, A. C. Hargis, Dr. F. L. Riley, Mrs. F. S. Leavell, Mrs. F. L. Riley, Miss Essie Eads, Misses Ruth and Decia Hargis, R. H. McElroy and wife, Mrs. J. H. Lawshe.
18. Pope—No Messengers.
19. Mt. Gilead—J. L. Goodwin, S. D. Weaver.
20. Paris—No Messengers.
21. Yocona—E. M. Taylor.

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The Association went into permanent organization by electing W. W. Dickens, Moderator, B. P. Gooch Clerk, J. W. Higginbotham Treasurer.

Call for report of Messengers from other bodies. Bro. J. W. Higginbotham, our Messenger to the S. B. C. in St. Louis, arose and gave a full account of his attendance upon this Convention. Brother H. L. Johnson said he had visited the Calhoun Association.

On motion the Order of Business, as printed in the Minutes of 1912, was adopted.

The Moderator appointed as the Finance Committee, D. C. Baddley, J. D. Woodruff, W. A. McCowan.

On motion the Pastor and Deacons of this church were made a committee on Devotional Exercises.

Call for report on Missions. The Committee not being ready to report, Dr. C. D. Graves, of the Foreign Mission Board, was introduced and spoke upon the progress of Christian Religion, the golden opportunities now lying out before us, the needs and conditions of our Mission work. Bro. W. I. Hargis presented a plan and schedule for a Missionary Campaign within this Association. On motion the recommendation was adopted.

The hour of closing being at hand, the Committee on Entertainment assigned homes to the messengers and visitors. On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. Dismissed by prayer by Bro. J. D. Franks.

# Proceedings--Second Day.

## Morning Session.

At 9 o'clock the Association convened. Sang "The Land Fairer than Day," and "The Christian's Home in Glory." The devotional exercises conducted by E. H. Keeting. Read and commented on John 6th chapter, and led in prayer. Minutes of previous day read, corrected and approved.

The following were appointed to prepare reports: Prof. M. P. Bush, on Education; J. M. Metts, on Aid to Old Preachers. The Moderator appointed W. I. Hargis, J. W. Lee and H. L. Johnson as a committee on Nominations.

Brother T. H. Winter, from Chickasaw Association, was recognized.

On motion the order of business was suspended, and Bro. W. I. Hargis read the following report on the 5th Sunday Meetings which was adopted:

## Fifth Sunday Meetings.

Your committee on Fifth Sunday Meetings, beg leave to submit the following report: Since your last meeting four such meetings have been held, at the following places, namely: In September last, at New Hope church. The attendance at this meeting was fairly good, and more or less interest was shown. At this meeting nearly all the little debt that had been hanging over the church building was raised.

In December a meeting was held at Big Springs. This was a meeting of considerable interest, and the attendance was good. In March last a meeting was held with Liberty Hill church. The exercises were unusually good, and doubtless much good was done. In June the meeting was held with the Concord church. The attendance on the part of visitors was not large. However there was a good interest, and doubtless good was done.

We know of nothing better than the Fifth Sunday Meeting to fill in the interim between the meetings of the Association. The committee is careful, in preparing the program, to use only such subjects as the people need to study and think upon—inspirational topics.

The Fifth Sunday Meeting, bringing together a number of people, as it does, several times during the year, gives frequent opportunity for conversing together about things of the kingdom. It also affords frequent opportunity for the better cultivation of the social spirit among ourselves. We come to know each other better, and love each other more.

Your committee think it would be a wise policy to continue these

meetings. Therefore we recommend the appointment of the following committee on Fifth Sunday Meetings for the next Associational Year, namely: J. W. Lee, H W. Rockett and W. W. Dickens.

On account of its being the protracted meeting season, we have had no Fifth Sunday Meetings in July and August. The next Fifth Sunday comes in November, and we think it would be well for the committee to arrange for that meeting during this session of this body, and have the place and program announced before the Association closes.

Respectfully submitted.

W. I. Hargis,
H. L. Johnson,
F. L. Riley.

The Executive Board will meet in connection with the 5th Sunday meeting at Pilgrim's Rest church Saturday before the 5th Sunday in November.

The report on Missions, now being ready, was read by J. W. Higginbotham, and was spoken to by J. W. Higginbotham, J. W. Lee and H. W. Rockett. Adopted

## Report on Missions.

Read Acts 1:6 8

Our Mission work, for convenience, is divided into three departments, namely: State, Home and Foreign Missions.

State Missions has reference to work within the bounds of Mississippi, corresponding to Jerusalem in the commission of our Lord to his disciples to witness for Him, first in Jerusalem—at home.

Home Missions is work done under the supervision of the Home Mission Board in the destitute and needy places in any, or all, the Southern States, when the several State Boards cannot supply the needs. This work corresponds to Judea in the commission—the territory next to Jerusalem.

Foreign Missions is the work of Southern Baptists, planned and directed by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and corresponds to Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth, in the commission of our Lord to His disciples as read at the beginning, namely, Acts 1:8.

The final commission of our Lord, in its broad, comprehensive sweep, takes in all the above, when He says; "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

No people have ever been so greatly honored, with so great a trust, as the people of God. No people have ever had placed upon them so great responsibility as our Lord laid upon them in the giving of the

commission, "Go." The words of the King in Zion are authoritative, and can not be taken lightly.

How well have we heeded these words? Are we going into all the world with our Lord's message of Salvation to the lost?

There are more men and women offering themselves for Mission work than we have the means to send. Then, it seems, that our chief shortcoming is in the matter of giving. The letters to this Association report approximately $2,665.00 for all Missions during this last Associational year. This is an average of about 70 cents per member of this Association.

The Baptists of Mississippi gave last year to State, Home, Foreign and General Missions $89,699.64. For other purposes $16,339 80, making a total of $106,039,44, being about 66 cents per member for each Baptist in the State.

The last annual report, made last November, gave the total number of Baptists (white Baptists) in Mississippi to be 149,883. Are we getting value received for the effort and money put into our Mission work? Let us see. We have a total force of workers in the Foreign Field of 848; 342 native churches; 422 Sunday schools; 6 hospitals and 13 dispensaries. 13 Medical Missionaries treated 51,796 patients during last year. Four publishing plants are sending out millions of pages of religious literature. There are 218 schools for boys and girls, with 5,600 pupils. 9 Women's Training Schools, in which there are 312 students preparing for Christian service; and in the ten theological schools there are 245 students for the ministry. These are the agents through whom most of the work of evangelizing the people is to be done.

Southern Baptists gave last year for Foreign Missions, $580,408; a gain over the previous year of $70 400. The number of converts increase from year to year.

What has been said above of Foreign Missions, may be said in similar ratio, of all our Mission work. The one prospers as the others prosper.

What part have we, as individuals, played in bringing to pass the splendid results of all our Mission enterprises? What reward awaits us when the Master comes? Will he say to us "Well done, thou good and faithful servant?" Or will we be as the unfaithful servant who hid his Lord's talent?

J. W. Higginbotham.

The hour for the sermon having arrived upon motion further discussion was postponed until the afternoon session. Congregation stood and sang "Shall We Gather at the River." Brother J. D. Franks, of Clinton, was introduced. Read a portion of Paul's letter to the Ephesians, and made an earnest appeal for christian education, presenting

Mississippi College as such an institution. At the close of the address a subscription was taken for the Endowment Fund of the College, amounting to seven hundred and thirty-five dollars.

Notice was given that an hour, from 2 to 3 o'clock, would be given to the W. M. Union, to be conducted by Mrs. F. S. Leavell, of Oxford.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock.

## W. M. U. Report.

The meeting of the W. M. U, of the Oxford Association, was called to order at 2 p. m., September 10, 1913, by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." The devotional exercises were conducted by our Vice-President, Mrs. F. S. Leavell. Only three Societies answered to roll call:

Oxford, Mrs. F. S. Leavell and Mrs. R. H. McElroy.
Batesville, Mrs. C. S. Morris.
Courtland, Mrs. H. W. Rockett.

Mrs. F. S. Leavell was re-nominated for Vice-President. Mrs. Christopher Longest for Y. W. A Leader. Miss Hattie Dickens for Sunbeam work. Mrs. H. W. Rockett was elected for Secretary.

We then listened to the address of the Vice-President.

The W. M. U. Policy was then read by Mrs. H. W. Rockett.

Mission Study Class, Uniform Standard of Excellence, Tithing, or Systematic Giving, was read and discussed by Mrs. R. H. McElroy.

Jubilate Psalm read by Mrs. F. S. Leavell.

Rev. 5:6-14; Phil. 4:4-6, was read by Mrs. Rockett.

"Our Spiritual Need," a paper read by Miss Eva Woodruff.

"Eleven Reasons for Attending the Mission Meeting." Mrs. Rockett.

"Advantages and Blessings Resulting from Tithing," a paper by Mrs. R. M. McElroy.

Malachi 3, on Tithing read by Mrs. Leavell.

Dismissed by Mrs. McElroy.

MRS. F. S. LEAVELL, Vice-President.

MRS. H. W. ROCKETT, Secretary.

## Afternoon Session.

Association re-assembled. Sang "Precious Name." Prof. M. P. Bush conducted devotional exercises.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and a collection taken to help defray the incidental expenses of Mrs. Leavell, Vice-President, W. M U. Collection amounted to $7.80.

Prof. M. P. Bush read the report on Education.

## Report on Education.

By Education is meant development, not of mind only, but of mind, soul and body. The boy that is sent from home to school and returns, having completed the course mapped out in our school, but who is foreign to our church and Sunday school work, and has taken on many of the vicious habits that boys so often follow, is looked upon by the Christians of his town or community, not with admiration, but with pity. We look at him, and with a sigh we say, if that is education God deliver my boy from it. But, on the other hand, when our schools send back to us young men and women with a great store-house of knowledge, with a strong moral character and moral courage to stand for everything that is good and noble, with a good knowledge of every department of church work, then we should cry out, with a noise that can he heard by every body, to educate your boys and girls. We are in the midst of a crisis in the Denominational life of our country. We must educate our people to be wise in our principles and strong in their convictions, or the forces of demoralization and disruption that are pressing in upon us from every quarter, will stagnate our efforts until the kingdom of God shall be retarded many paces.

It would be a calamity of the most extreme thinking, for our Denominational educational institutions to lag behind in their activities in this time when we need men and women of the highest and holiest type.

It is a deplorable fact that some of our Baptist people are sending their boys and girls to other denominational schools.

We wish to recommend Clarke Memorial College, at Newton, Miss., for boys and girls; Blue Mountain College, at Blue Mountain; Hillman College, at Clinton, and Mississippi Woman's College, at Hattiesburg, for girls; Mississippi College, at Clinton, for boys.

We further urge every church in this Association to help as liberal as possible in the campaign that is on for the endowment of Mississippi College.

We further urge that every church put on a systematic campaign for Christian Education at home. Educate the people in giving and all other lines of Christian work. Respectfully submitted.

M. P. Bush, Chairman.

Discussed by Prof. Bush and adopted.

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Call for question on Mission Report. No further discussion. Report adopted.

The Moderator appointed J. W. Lee, Chairman, and fifteen others from the different churches of the Association as an Apportionment Committee.

The following report on Sunday Schools was read by W. I. Hargis, and discussed by W. I. Hargis, H. W. Rockett, J. W. Higginbotham, H. L. Johnson, J. W. Lee, and adopted:

## Report on Sunday Schools.

It is not so much the purpose of a paper like this to give a dissertation on Sunday Schools in general, as it is to show what is being done in this line of church work.

1. Permit me to say that but few of the churches, with which I am acquainted, are doing up-to-date Sunday School work. I do not mean by up-to-date, work in accordance with the prescribed methods of Sunday School work as we have it today. The fact of the business is, the churches, as a class, are not working well any method. Some of the churches that are trying to do the work according to the latest methods, find themseves handicapped in the matter of inefficient superintendents and teachers. No method will work itself. No Sunday School will run and be a success without a live, wide-awake superintendent. He must carry the school upon his heart. And even though he does this, unless he can have the hearty support of a corps of live, efficient teachers, he can do very little.

2. Some one is ready to say, "Let the superintendent arrange for a training class for teachers, and prepare efficient teachers." I answer by asking: "How many superintendents are themselves capable of conducting such a class?" Most of the superintendents need to be trained.

3. The Sunday School is a good thing properly conducted, and more especially for the smaller children, and the youth up to an age when they will take hold of God's word, and pursue their own investigations. As a starter in the study of the Bible, it is all right, but as a means to anything like a mastery of God's work, it is a failure, and especially to the great fundamental doctrines of the Bible, and more especially as to the doctrines that distinguish Baptists from others. God speed the day when Baptists will have their own literature, and have the courage to teach their own distinctive doctrines.

The letters from the churches show that 16 churches out of 20 maintain a Sunday School. These report a total enrollment of pupils of 1,200. Number of officers and teachers, 107. Number baptized from the Sunday Schools, 73. Contributons through the Sunday Schools, $447.37.

All the schools use the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Your committee heartily commend the training work done in this department each year at Blue Mountain and Hattiesburg during the annual

encampments. We would also recommend that we attend, so far as we can, these encampments; also the State Baptist Sunday School Convention, which will meet at Newton on April 7, 1914.

Your committee would urge upon all the churches more interest in this important department of our church work.

Respectfully submitted, W. I. Hargis.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 8:30 Thursday morning. Dismissed by prayer by J. D. Franks.

# Third Day.

## Morning Session.

Association assembled. Sang "We'll Work." Dr. F. L. Riley conducted devotional exercises. Read 1st Peter, 1st chapter, commenting on same. Sang "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?"

The committee on Woman's Work sent in their report, which was read by the Clerk. Discussed by H. W. Rockett and adopted.

## Report on Woman's Work.

Your committee beg leave to make a brief report on Woman's Work. This is a report that is not giving due credit. I will say that woman has the greatest sphere on earth, considering her work. God has given her the greatest honor saying, in the language of the Proverbs, that her "children should rise up and call her blessed." Woman has a great work at heart. She accomplishes whatever she undertakes. Then, again, she does not shirk duty when it comes upon her. Our greatest men who have gone out into this wide world, have done a noble work through the influence of a true and noble mother. If we desire any great work done in our churches, no one is so ready to do that work as our true and noble women. Look at the statistical table and see how much woman has done for the various objects in our churches. The women are not ashamed to ask for the necessary means which is needed by our churches.

Your committee has no figures, but I assure you that our women have done their part this Associational year for the many causes for which they undertake to raise money. Your committee is truly glad that Woman's Work is being recognized by the world as a great and grand work. They are always ready to do whatsoever their hands find to do. When the disciples complained at Mary for washing the Savior's feet, He remarked to them, "let her alone, for she has done what she could." A noble com-

pliment paid her. Never has man had such a compliment paid him. You may ask why has he not? Because he never has done what he could. Let us, as brethren, bestir ourselves and do our whole duty for Christ and His kingdom, then we will be ready to receive such high compliments as our Savior paid to the kind and loving Mary—that we have done what we could.

Brethren, your committee would like to know just how many of us have made a sacrifice for Christ and His cause as did that noble woman, Mary! I venture to say that we are few in number.

Your committee would also recommend most of the last report. Especially do we urge them to keep their societies growing, and we, as brethren, give them our hearty support, and bid them God speed in the noble cause they have undertaken.

Respectfully submitted, W. H. Hudson.

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The report on Publication was read by H. L. Johnson, and spoken to by H. L. Johnson, H. W. Rockett, J. W. Lee, F. L. Riley, and adopted.

## Report on Publications.

Perhaps there has never been a time in the history of the church of God when the circulation of the right kind of literature was more needed, or would tell for more good than at the present.

Books and papers in abundance, are read, but as a rule, these are not the kind that strengthen men and women in Bible doctrine, and give them information as to the progress of God's kingdom here upon earth.

The great dailies are freely circulated and largely read, and other papers that tell us tales of scandal and other hurtful things, find many ready readers. The promoters of false doctrines spare no time nor money in the circulation of their books, papers and tracts. These poisonous pages enter our own homes, and are so attractively gotten up as to almost deceive the "Elect themselves."

We have the Bible, the very truth of God; we have many good books, the reading of which would raise our ideals and strengthen christian character, but these we neglect to circulate among our people. We have an abundance of Gospel tracts, the distribution of which has, and will, do much good. Then we have our State paper, "The Baptist Record." This for Mississippi Baptists, is a real necessity. A doctor who fails to read his medical journals finds himself a back number. A farmer who fails to read a good farm paper, will find his neighbor, who reads, far in advance of his methods. A Baptist who does not read his State paper can not be an intelligent Baptist concerning our State work Not one fourth of our people read our State paper. This ought not so to be.

"The Foreign Mission Journal" tells us of the work done by our

brethren on the far-flung battle line. "Our Home Field" gives us the needed information as to the work here at home. "The Orphanage Gem" will tell us all about what we are doing in caring for the orphans who fall into our care. These four papers cost only two dollars and seventy-five cents.

Your committee is of the opinion that a strong effort, and a united effort, should be made to teach our people to see the need of having these four papers go into every home, and with these, a good supply of Bibles and Testaments, good books on the Bible doctrines, and other books that elevate morals and strengthen character.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. JOHNSON.

The report on Mississippi Baptist Orphanage was read by Boyd Jones, and discussed by J. W. Lee, and on motion adopted.

## Report on Orphanage.

FACTS ABOUT THE ORPHANAGE FOR THE ASSOCIATIONS.

The Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, was founded 16 years ago, in response to what seems clearly to have been a divine call. Many and pleading were the cries of helpless, homeless orphan children ere this; but no denominational hand had been held out to them, until Rev. L. S. Foster, of Senatobia brought the matter of establishing an orphanage before the denomination. Our people, following the example of Mrs. Lou H. Moore, began to respond with their means, and soon the work of sheltering, feeding and clothing orphan children was commenced. In 16 years, since the home was founded, about 600 children have received care and training for a longer or shorter time. Of these, many have gone out to build homes for themselves; others to fill places of usefulness; and at present, there are about 225 to 230, all the while, who must be fed and clothed and trained for usefulness. Brethren, these are our charges. Their cries are unto God's people. These are our Lord's little ones, and Jesus said: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these ye did it unto me." Our board of trustees, at its last meeting, authorized the purchase of additional lands, to which our larger boys are to be transferred for additional training and larger usefulness. Early in the spring a beautiful tract of 300 acres, 12 miles south of Jackson and one mile west of Florence, was purchased at $15.00 per acre. Our Superintendent and ten boys began farming operations soon after its purchase, and they report a splendid crop. We are sure that, when properly developed, it will not only be self-sustaining, but will be a source of income to our home in Jackson, where our boys and girls will continue to be

cared for. Remember that it costs $5.00 per month to support one of these children in the Orphanage, besides what is sent in the way of clothing, etc. We recommend that each Sunday School, or Church in the Association, undertake the support of one of these children, contributing regularly five dollars a month. We would also urge that boxes of clothing shoes, stockings, bed clothing of all kinds, especially sheets and pillow cases, towels, soap, pins, needles, tablets, pencils, and good books of all kinds, be made up by our Churches, Sunday Schools and L. A. S., and shipped to Rev. J. R. Carter, Jackson, Miss., putting the name of Church or Society on box. Let our people rally to our Orphanage, with our prayers and our means, and God will bless us.

A. T. Bono, } Committee
Boyd Jones. }

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On motion a collection was authorized and taken for the Orphanage amounting to $8.82.

The report on Aid to Old Preachers was read by J. M. Metts, and discussed by J. M. Metts, H. L. Johnson, W. W. Dickens and adopted.

## Report on Aid to Old Preachers.

According to the increase of funds last year, our people are becoming more interested in these, the sons of the Cross. It is gratifying to see it increasing instead of decreasing. In all Christian concerns this should be one of much consideration, the supporting of those who have so earnestly stood for the Cross of Christ. It should not only interest, but bring to action all those who are now enjoying the liberties that these so willingly sacrificed the better part of their lives for the opening of the gospel of rescue to sinking humanity.

This should not be looked at as being so much a duty in offering to these disabled sons of the Cross, but a gracious privilege in obeying the blessed command, paying tribute to those who are due tribute, and honor to whom honor is due.

Your committee wishes to insist that all the churches make, next year, a more liberal offering than we have ever made.

Brethren, let's earnestly pray God to enlighten his people to a more liberal offering than ever before to this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Metts.

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The report on the Laymen's Missionary Movement was read by B. P. Gooch, who yielded the floor to Dr. F. L. Riley in order that he might deliver his address on Tithing. His subject: "The Trial of the Robbers." This address was well received, and will bear fruit.

# Report on Laymen's Missionary Movement.

Your committee find, during the past year, that practically no wor has been done within the Oxford Association by the Laymen's Mis sionary Movement.

The Object, Purpose and Plan of this movement is to awaken chri tian men to a sense of their calling and responsibility to God, and to e list laymen in the world's evangelization.

We submit the resolutions as adopted in the Laymen's M. M. Co vention, held last February in Chattanooga, Tenn., as part of this repor

1. We beseech all to give themselves more fully to earnest, dai prayer; to rebuild and maintain the family altar in the citadel of the hom to look carefully how we walk—not as the unwise, but as the children God, redeeming the time, and using every means of grace that may righ ly employ these lavish gifts of our God. Finally to give to God and the interest of His kingdom the supreme, the first place in our lives.

2. We urge upon all laymen the close and persistent study of Mi sions, for knowledge begets interests, opens the doors of opportunit reveals the mind of our Lord concerning His kingdom.

3. We plead for the early introduction into every Baptist Church an approved and business-like system of giving.

4. We recommend that a Laymen's Missionary Committee be a pointed in our Association, which Committee shall arrange for a Missi Campaign among our churches, and that laymen who are interested Missions be selected, going two and two, until each church within t Association has been visited and enlisted.

5. We believe that the universal practice of system in giving is line with scriptural teaching, and that giving, at least, one tenth of on income to the Lord is practical and productive of verv gratifying resul We urge upon all our brethern a proportionate and systematic plan giving, "as unto the Lord."

6. We deplore the marked absence of our laymen from denomintio meetings, for such meetings are the parallel of business men's associatio and of farmers' institutes. We plead that our laymen shall give of th time and influence by participating in these denominational meetings.

7. We recommend that a committee be appointed to co-operate w the State committee in securing the largest possible representation at Laymen's State Convention, which will meet next February 10, 11 and in Jackson, Miss.

H. V. Draper, B. P. Gooch, } Committee

On motion the report was adopted.

Adjourned to meet at 1:30.

## Afternoon Session.

Sang "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing." Prayer by J. M. Metts. Report of Committee on Apportionment read and adopted as follows:

## Report on Apportionment.

Report on Apportionment for State, Home and Foreign Missions for the Associational year, 1913-1914.

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| Big Springs | $ 75 00 | Mt. Gilead | 20 00 |
| Taylor | 10 00 | Mt. Pisgah | 20 00 |
| Bethany | 50 00 | New Liberty | 15 00 |
| Union Grove | 10 00 | New Prospect | 50 00 |
| Bethel | 55 00 | Oxford | 1,500 00 |
| Water Valley | 1,100 00 | Pilgrims Rest | 60 00 |
| Clear Creek | 110 00 | Paris | 15 00 |
| Yellow Leaf | 25 00 | Panola | 300 00 |
| Concord | 100 00 | Shady Grove (Y) | 15 00 |
| Central | 150 00 | Shady Grove (P) | 10 00 |
| Courtland | 60 00 | Tocowa | 15 00 |
| Good Hope | 55 00 | Pope | 15 00 |
| Liberty Hill | 25 00 | New Hope | 5 00 |
| | | Total | $3,865.00 |

Report adopted.

Motion made by Bro. H. H. Johnson, that this Association appoint a Colporteur to work in connection with the State Board within the bounds of this Association. On motion the question was referred to the Executive Committee.

Report on Temperance read and discussed by B. B. McCullough, and adopted.

## Report on Temperance.

Your Committee on Temperance begs to make the following report:

When we speak of Temperance we speak of it as an abstinence from intoxicating liquors. We are admonished to "Look not on the wine when it giveth its color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright; for at last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." And again we read: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." So if we are wise we will taste not, touch not,

handle not. It is the opinion of your committee, that the modera drinker is wielding a greater influence for harm than the man who drin to excess, there has ever been among our people a disdain for the drun ard, but the moderate drinker holds the respect of his fellows, and therel wields a great influence toward dram drinking, and it is the dram-drink who becomes a drunkard, and drunkenness leads to the worst crim committed in our land. Dear brethren, your committee believes that o people should give this question more consideration than we do. W believe that our Baptist people have it in their power to remedy this e to a large extent, by using their influence against the use of intoxicati liquors, and lending a helping hand to our civil authorities in the su pression of blind-tigers and upholding the laws of our country. Will do it? God helps us to let our light shine. Our Master said: "Ye a the light of the world; ye are a city set on a hill, that can not be hid Brethren, let us rise in our might and use all our powers to put to ro this monstrous enemy of ours.

Respectfully submitted,

B. B. McCullough.

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Report on Hospitals was read and discussed by J. W. Lee. Spoken by Dr. F. L. Riley, H. L. Johnson and adopted.

## Report on Hospitals.

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It is written of Jesus that He "went about all Galilee, teaching their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healin all manner of diseases among them."

This scripture, with many others, reveals to us that Jesus was teacher, preacher and healer. This is another way of saying that he taug the mind, ministered to the body and preached to the soul. If our Savi thus met the threefold need of man, certainly we, his followers and hum representatives, should set ourselves to the same task.

In the past we have laid much stress on preaching the gospel. Th we should have done, but not to the neglect of teaching and healin Some emphasis has been given to teaching, and from this has grown o denominational schools and colleges all over the world.

Until recently very little stress has been put upon our christian du to administer to the needs of the sick or diseased body in any kind organized way. God is to be praised for general awakening along th line. Baptists are beginning, as never before, to see their duty, to do in their power to relieve the suffering, diseased body of their fellowme

The need of well equipped Christian Hospitals is seen and felt as never before.

The Baptists of Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas, seeing the need of a great Baptist Hospital in Memphis, undertook the task of erecting one several years ago. The plans were laid on a large scale. The central wing is completed, and will accommodate nearly two hundred patients The rooms are full nearly all the time. The great need now is more funds to build a nurse's building on our property, and thus give the rooms now occupied by the nurses to patients. On account of the heavy debt on the Hospital the Board of Trustees can not undertake the erection of this much needed building. We are hoping and praying that some wealthy man or woman will furnish the money for this building, and thus leave a monument to their memory that will bless humanity in the coming generations.

A large share of the money given for the erection of the Memorial building in Memphis was contributed by Mississippi Baptists, and yet on account of the above named Hospital being outside of our own borders it does not entirely meet the needs of Mississippi Baptists, therefore the Baptists of our State are now erecting a Hospital in Jackson.

Funds are very much needed for this work. The building is now in process of construction, and yet the funds are not in sight. Surely the Lord's people will not let the work stop. Your committee earnestly recommend that the churches of our Association contribute as systematically to Hospital work as to Missions and Education.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. Lee.

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## Report on Nominations.

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The committee on Nominations read their report as follows, which was adopted:

Your committee on Nominations beg to submit the following report:

We recommend New Prospect Church as the next place of meeting.

Time, Tuesday after the First Sunday in September at 10 a. m., 1914.

To Preach the Sermon, J. W. Lee.

Alternate, H. W. Rockett.

Your committee also, with the assistance of the brethren, recommend the appointment of an Executive Committee consisting of one member from each church in the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. I. Hargis,
H. L. Johnson,
J. W. Lee.

## Report of Finance Committee.

Your Finance Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

Received during the session of this body the following amounts:

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| Minutes and Clerk | $63 11 |
| Foreign Missions | 10 89 |
| Home Missions | 10 00 |
| State Missions | 64 75 |
| Orphanage | 9 44 |
| W. M. Union Expenses | 7 83 |
| Total | $166 02 |

D. C. Baddley,
J. D. Woodruff,
W. A. McCowan,
Finance Committee.

Report adopted.

## Treasurer's Report.

Your Treasurer begs to say that he has received from the Finance Committee the following amounts, and same have been applied as indicated:

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| Minutes and Clerk | $63 11 |
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| Home Missions | 10 00 |
| State Missions | 64 75 |
| Orphanage | 9 44 |
| W. M. Union Expense | 7 83 |
| Total | $166 02 |

J. W. Higginbotham, Treasurer.

Report adopted.

On motion Bro. W. W. Dickens was elected as Messenger to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, Tenn., in May 1914.

B. B. McCullough was authorized to solicit expense money from the churches for our Messenger.

The following motion was unanimously adopted:

The sincere thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to this

church and the citizens of this community for the generous hospitality shown us, and earnestly pray that the blessings of our God may always abide with them.

Moved to adjourn to meet at New Prospect Church one year hence.

After prayer the congregation joined in singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and the parting hand was given.

Thus ended a most pleasant and profitable meeting of the Oxford Association.

## In Memoriam.

*Mrs. W. F. Martin, Yocona,*
*Mrs. Helen Webb, Water Valley.*
*Mrs. Sophia Sims, Water Valley.*
*Mrs. Lucile Hale, Water Valley.*
*James Fudge, Yellow Leaf,*
*A. McFadden, Yellow Leaf.*
*Freddie McCain, Yellow Leaf.*
*Sam Smith, Good Hope.*
*Z. C. Weaver, Clear Creek.*
*Maude Mills, Pilgrims Rest.*
*W. S. Mabry, Concord.*
*Mrs. E. Ganong, Oxford.*
*Mrs. Cora B. Leavell, Oxford.*
*Mrs. Ida Meek, Oxford.*
*Mrs. Ina Sisk, Oxford.*
*W. P. McCarley, Bethel.*

# SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

| Churches. | Superintendent | Address | Officers and Teachers | Scholars | Baptisms |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bethel | J. T. Johnsey | Water Valley | 4 | 80 | -- |
| Big Springs | Guy Fair | Water Valley | 4 | 60 | 6 |
| Clear Creek | G. C. McElroy | Oxford, Route 2 | 4 | 40 | 3 |
| Courtland | Sam C. Bailey | Courtland | 6 | 99 | 2 |
| Good Hope | J. A. Woodruff | Batesville | 3 | 30 | 3 |
| Liberty Hill | J. L. McCullough | Pope | 4 | 42 | 1 |
| New Liberty | Lee Wilkins | Water Valley | 4 | ---- | -- |
| New Prospect | H. H. Johnson | Oxford | ------ | 72 | 11 |
| Oxford | Dr. F. L. Riley | Oxford | 23 | 294 | 37 |
| Panola | L. B. Lamb | Batesville | 8 | 100 | -- |
| Pilgrims Rest | H. V. Draper | Shuford | 6 | 61 | -- |
| Shady Grove (P) | P. F. Rickard | Central Academy | 3 | 70 | 2 |
| Tocowa | L. H. Shuford | Batesville | 3 | 32 | -- |
| Water Valley | G. R. Wood | Water Valley | 16 | 215 | 8 |
| Pope | J. J. Packer | Courtland | ------ | ---- | -- |
| Total | | | 88 | 1195 | 73 |

# CHURCH RECORD.

| Churches | Membership Last Year | Inc. this Year: By Baptism | By Letter | Restoration | Total | Dec. this Year: By Letter | Expulsion | By Death | Total | Present Membership | Pastors | Address | Clerk | Address |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bethel | 99 | 12 | 3 | | 15 | 4 | | 1 | 5 | 109 | A. A. Walker | Water Valley | J. T. Johnsey | Water Valley |
| Big Springs | 105 | 10 | 2 | | 12 | 3 | 1 | | 4 | 113 | W. I. Hargis | University | W. E. Hudson | Water Valley Route 3 |
| Bethany | 34 | 3 | | | 3 | | | | | 37 | N. B. Groves | Memphis | H. I. Brown | Enid |
| Central * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Concord | 123 | 8 | 6 | | 14 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 135 | J. M. Metts | Oxford | J. W. Higginbotham | Taylor, Route 1 |
| Clear Creek | 203 | 3 | 2 | | 5 | 7 | | 1 | 8 | 200 | N. F. Metts | Oxford | Boyd Jones | Burgess |
| Courtland | 38 | 2 | 4 | | 6 | 6 | | | 6 | 38 | H. W. Rockett | Courtland | F. W. Bailey | Courtland |
| Good Hope | 37 | 3 | | | 3 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 38 | J. W. Lee | Batesville | A. S. Woodruff | Batesville |
| Liberty Hill | 117 | 6 | 2 | | 8 | 10 | 1 | | 11 | 114 | H. L. Johnson | Water Valley | John Tyler | Pope |
| Mt. Pisgah * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Gilead | 35 | 1 | 1 | | 2 | | | | | 37 | N. W. P. Bacon | Oxford, Route 2 | H. Quinn | Water Valley, Route 3 |
| New Liberty | 44 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 10 | | | | | 54 | H. L. Johnson | Water Valley | W. H McKee | Water Valley |
| New Hope * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Prospect | 133 | 37 | 11 | 2 | 50 | 3 | | | | 180 | N. A. Moore | Tocopola | Enoc Lusk | Delay |
| Oxford | 247 | 44 | 33 | 1 | 78 | 22 | 1 | 4 | 27 | 298 | Jas. B. Leavell | Oxford | Dr. J. E. Hargis | Oxford |
| Paris | 35 | 7 | 4 | | 11 | 3 | | | 3 | 43 | D. F. Hoyle | Paris | W. J. Moorhead | Paris |
| Panola | 142 | 7 | 11 | | 18 | 2 | | 1 | 3 | 157 | J. W. Lee | Batesville | R. W. Draper | Batesville |
| Pilgrims Rest | 205 | 13 | 1 | | 14 | 6 | | 1 | 7 | 212 | N. F. Metts | Oxford | H. V. Draper | Shuford |
| Shady Grove (P) | 57 | 3 | 2 | | 5 | | | | | 62 | J. M. Metts | Oxford | J. J. Perkins | Central Academy |
| Shady Grove (C)* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tocowa | 24 | 1 | 4 | | 5 | | | | | 29 | H. W. Rockett | Courtland | C. R. Tubbs | Batesville |
| Union Grove | 58 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 58 | G. W. Wright | Banner | W. P. Newsom | Heron |
| Water Valley | 331 | 41 | 38 | | 52 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 14 | 369 | A. A. Walker | Water Valley | G. R. Wood | Water Valley |
| Yellow Leaf | 152 | 4 | | | 4 | 8 | | 3 | 11 | 145 | N. A. Moore | Tocopola | G. R. Webb | Oxford |
| Yocona | 54 | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 52 | L. Linder | Taylor | | |
| Pope | 23 | 2 | 1 | | 3 | | | | | 26 | H. W. Rockett | Courtland | W. H. Be[illegible] | Courtland |
| Total | 2296 | 187 | 128 | 4 | 319 | 87 | 7 | 15 | 106 | 2506 | | | | |

* No Letters.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| Churches | Pastors' Salary | Building and Repairing | Incidentals. | Visiting Ministers | Sunday School Expenses | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | State Missions | Other Objects | Orphanage | Hospitals | Schools and Colleges | Ministerial Education | Ministerial Relief | Value Church Property | Pastors' Home | Minutes and Clerk | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bethany | $ 150 00 | $ | $ 21 39 | $ 34 05 | $ 19 24 | $ 11 62 | $ 11 62 | $ | $ | $ 9 15 | $ | $ | $ | $ | $1200 00 | $ | $ | $ 257 07 |
| Bethel | 100 00 | 50 00 | | | 15 00 | 5 50 | 5 50 | | | | 10 00 | | | | 800 00 | | 1 50 | 187 50 |
| Big Springs | 150 00 | | 13 75 | 29 00 | 8 00 | 25 00 | 22 50 | 30 13 | 15 00 | 6 00 | | | 3 15 | | 1000 00 | | 3 40 | 305 93 |
| Courtland | 200 00 | 30 00 | | 28 35 | 35 00 | 5 00 | 45 95 | 20 00 | | 27 75 | | | 10 00 | | 4000 00 | | 2 00 | 404 05 |
| Concord | 125 00 | | | 67 00 | 3 00 | | 10 85 | | | | | | | | 1000 00 | | 3 50 | 209 35 |
| Clear Creek | 150 00 | 145 00 | 8 00 | | 8 40 | 28 60 | 28 50 | 25 00 | 5 00 | | | | 15 00 | | 3000 00 | | 5 00 | 418 40 |
| Central | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 00 | 3 00 |
| Liberty Hill | 99 50 | 6 25 | | 15 15 | 2 00 | | | 8 95 | 50 | | | | | | 1000 00 | | 2 25 | 134 60 |
| Mt. Pisgah * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Gilead | 75 00 | | 1 00 | | | 3 00 | 3 00 | 3 00 | | | | | | | 652 50 | | 1 50 | 86 50 |
| New Liberty | 50 00 | | | 32 00 | | 5 00 | | | | | | | | | 500 00 | | 1 25 | 88 25 |
| New Hope * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Prospect | 100 00 | 76 00 | | 37 00 | 10 00 | 45 00 | 22 61 | 159 25 | 340 40 | 5 00 | | | | | | | 1 50 | 297 11 |
| Oxford | 499 99 | 739 54 | 622 62 | 45 00 | 195 99 | 504 90 | 726 32 | | | 140 00 | | 12 60 | 38 00 | | 22000 00 | 4000 00 | 10 00 | 4034 61 |
| Paris | | | | 23 00 | | 5 00 | | | | | | | | | | | 65 | 28 65 |
| Pope | 75 00 | | 33 50 | | 4 00 | | 12 50 | 8 50 | 7 35 | | | | | | 1000 00 | | 1 25 | 142 10 |
| Panola | 600 00 | 50 00 | 5 00 | 88 00 | 45 00 | 110 00 | 133 50 | 92 00 | 15 00 | 55 00 | 181 25 | 12 50 | 39 50 | 17 00 | 3000 00 | | 7 50 | 1451 25 |
| Pilgrims Rest | 150 00 | 5 00 | 2 35 | 6 97 | 7 92 | | 13 89 | | 1 80 | | | | | | 1000 00 | | 1 00 | 188 93 |
| Shady Grove (P) | 100 00 | 175 63 | | 17 62 | 2 50 | 62 | 1 50 | 50 | | | | | | | 600 00 | | 50 | 298 87 |
| Shady Grove (C)* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tocowa | 120 00 | | | 13 50 | 2 20 | | | 6 75 | | | | | | | 1000 00 | | 1 25 | 143 70 |
| Union Grove | 25 00 | | | | | 1 75 | | | | | | | | | 350 00 | | 50 | 27 25 |
| Water Valley | 1500 00 | 1098 43 | 447 41 | | 84 92 | 100 00 | 552 25 | 125 00 | 81 03 | 99 11 | 19 90 | 20 00 | | | 20000 00 | 3000 00 | 10 00 | 4138 05 |
| Yellow Leap | 100 00 | | | 25 00 | | | | | | | | | | | 1000 00 | | 1 50 | 126 50 |
| Yocona | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 600 00 | | | 165 95 |
| Good Hope | 105 50 | | 2 50 | | 4 60 | 16 50 | 16 50 | | | 7 50 | | | 12 85 | | 1000 00 | | | |
| Grand Total | $4474 99 | 2375 85 | 1390 17 | 461 64 | 447 37 | $867 39 | 1606 99 | 479 08 | 466 08 | 349 51 | 211 15 | 45 10 | 118 50 | 17 00 | 66702 50 | 7000 00 | 62 05 | 13137 62 |

* No Letters.

# WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION RECORD.

| Churches. | President | Address | Secretary | Address | Building and Repairing | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Orphanage | Schools and Colleges | Hospitals | Ministerial Education | Other Objects | Totals |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Water Valley | Mrs. M. W. Jackson | Water Valley | Mrs. O. J. Davis | Water Valley | $153 00 | $25 00 | $ | $52 25 | $23 75 | $20 00 | | $ | $ 60 20 | $334 20 |
| Panola | Mrs. M. B. Knox | Batesville | Miss Hattie Dickens | Batesville | | | | 2 50 | | | $166 25 | 2 00 | 13 00 | 183 75 |
| Oxford | Mrs. F. S. Leavell | Oxford | Mrs. J. J. Vance | Oxford | 60 20 | 12 50 | 62 75 | 55 90 | 102 00 | 4 00 | | 38 00 | 16 25 | 351 60 |
| Courtland | Mrs. F. F. Trigg | Courtland | Mrs. S. C. Bailey | Courtland | | 5 00 | 5 00 | | 24 50 | | | 2 50 | 13 30 | 50 30 |
| Liberty Hill | Mrs. S. A. Pitcock | Shuford | Mrs. C. E. Monteith | Courtland | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | 213 20 | 42 50 | 67 75 | 110 65 | 150 25 | 24 00 | 166 25 | 42 50 | 102 75 | 919 85 |

# Constitution.

Article 1. The Association shall be called the Oxford Baptist Association, which shall meet Annually. The object of this Union shall be to cultivate fraternal intercourse and love between the churches composing this body, and unite in their efforts in the great work of advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom. In the prosecution of these objects, the dissemination of the gospel by missionary operations, both home and abroad, shall receive their encouragement, fostering care and support. It shall be the aims of this Association to promote the cause of Sabbath Schools, also the interest of general education, and more especially the education of the ministry. All Christian and charitable enterprises shall receive their encouragement, among which the support of superannuated and worn out ministers will receive special attention.

Article 2. Each church belonging to this Association shall be entitled to three representatives until the number of members reaches twenty-five, and one delegate for every twenty-five; provided, in no case shall any church have more than eight delegates.

Article 3. The delegates present representing churches shall, during the session, present their letters of correspondence, which must state their appointment, together with their number of members in fellowship, the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded and died during the year.

Article 4. Any church of this Association failing to represent herself at one meeting will be expected to state the reason thereof at the next meeting, and any church thus failing at two successive meetings, the Association may consider her dropped from her number, or may appoint a committee to inquire into such failure.

Article 5. Other churches approving our Articles of Faith, and desiring to act and live in fellowship with us, may be admitted into this body by signifying their approval and desire by delegate and letters.

Article 6. This Association shall have a Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting as soon as the letters from the churches are read and the delegates enrolled. A majority of the votes cast being necessary to an election.

Article 7. Membership in this Association shall be essential to eligibility to any office within the body.

Article 8. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules or institute proceedings that shall infringe upon the independence or rights

of churches; but it may, when requested by a church in its letter or correspondence, and not otherwise, give advice in such body, and it may separate from such churches as are known to walk disorderly.

Article 9. This Association may correspond by letter or messenger with other representative bodies of the Baptist denomination.

Article 10. This Association shall, at its annual meetings, appoint an Executive Board, composed of as many members as there shall be churches represented, with five additional members living in the same vicinity, any five of whom shall constitute a quorum. Each church shall have the privilege of nominating its own member of the Board. Said Board shall elect its own officers and shall have power to transact the business of the Association when the Association is not in session, and for this purpose meet as often as the Chairman shall deem necessary. An annual report of the proceedings of the Board shall be made to the Association

Article 11. The Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present, provided the proposition to change be made at a previous meeting.

# Rules of Decorum.

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Article 2. The Moderator shall be considered judge of order, and shall have discretionary right to call to order at any time.

Article 3. Any member not satisfied at his decision may appeal to the Association the same day, but at no other.

Article 4. The Moderator may have the same privilege of speech as any other member of the body; provided he call some other brother to the chair; but shall not be permitted to vote except in case of tie

Article 5. Every motion made in order and seconded, after sufficient time for discussion, shall be by the Moderator, put to a vote of the Association, a majority of whom shall govern, and the decision shall be publicly announced by the Moderator.

Article 6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator; and the Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person, or otherwise.

Article 7. Every member, in addressing the body, must confine his remarks to the subject under discussion, and no member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or uses words of personal reflection.

Article 8. The appellation "Brother" shall be used in our addresses.

Article 9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on

the same subject without leave of the Association, nor more than once until all have had an opportunity of speaking.

Article 10. No member shall be at liberty to absent himself during hours of business without leave from the Moderator.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Association and submit the same for correction of the Association at the close of each session, and to preserve a file of the proceedings of the body.

Article 12. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money received for Associational purposes and pay them over by order of the body.

Article 13. In case of a motion to suspend any rules of the Association a vote of two-thirds shall be necessary.

Article 14. The roll of delegates shall be called at the close of each session, and the absentees without permission shall be designated upon the minutes as such, without leave from the Moderator.